

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
INFORMATION REPORT

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Sec. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

S-E-C-R-E-T

[Redacted]

25X1

<b>COUNTRY</b>	East Germany	<b>REPORT</b>	[Redacted]	25X1
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Progress Russian Military Vehicle Plant, East Berlin	<b>DATE DISTR.</b>	8 April 1955	
<b>DATE OF INFO.</b>	[Redacted]	<b>NO. OF PAGES</b>	2	
<b>PLACE ACQUIRED</b>	[Redacted]	<b>REQUIREMENT NO.</b>	RD	25X1
		<b>REFERENCES</b>		

This is UNEVALUATED Information

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.  
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.  
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

[Redacted]

1. There now appear to be 23 Russians employed at the Progress Russian Military Vehicle Factory, East Berlin. Their ranks are as follows:

25X1

- 5 Colonels
- 1 Lt. Colonel
- 7 Majors
- 1 Captain
- 2 Lieutenants
- 1 Sergeant
- 2 Enlisted men
- 4 Civilians

All military personnel wear transport insignia. The enlisted men wear black shoulder boards with red piping.

2. Known names of officers are:

- Chief of the plant - Col. Rushkovski
- Political officer - Col. Sulemov (phonetic spelling)
- Motor construction section - Raseisov (as written)

3. The former chief of the garage Capt. Sofrnov (sic) has been transferred to Petadam.

4. The plant no longer overhauls Chevrolet motors but overhauls Diesel engines. Several new engine testing beds have been set up for this purpose.

5. The January 1955 production plans are as follows:

a. New Production:

ZIS engine blocks	650
Dutch engine blocks	80
Drilling machines	10

S-E-C-R-E-T

[Redacted]

25X1

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC					
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--

(NOTE: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "O")

S-E-C-R-E-T

-2-

25X1

ZIS 5 cylinders	1,000
Willys cylinders	1,000
Studebaker cylinders	1,000
Studebaker Cardan shafts	500
Studebaker seats	500
Willys seats	500
Willys cabins	50
Studebaker half shafts	1,500
ZIS 5 brake drums	500

## b. Overhauling:

Engines	total	350
of these 12 diesel		
Buses		3
Turning lathes		8
Cutting lathes		4
Drilling machines		20
Grinding machines		2

## c. Conversions:

Willys to ambulance	15
---------------------	----

## d. Construction:

Ambulance on GAZ 51 chassis	20
-----------------------------	----

## 6. Loadings

Railroad to Ketschendorf, 7 January 1955

1 car with 80 weighing machines and 100 jacks  
 1 car with 100 ZIS 5 engine blocks  
 1 car with 25 work benches

To Brest, 17 January 1955

1 car with 100 Studebaker engine blocks  
 1 car with 100 ZIS 5 motor blocks  
 1 car with 100 boxes, Studebaker Cardan shafts  
 1 car with 100 boxes, Studebaker half shafts  
 1 car with boxes, spare parts

7. As of 22 January 1955, there have been no dismissals in the Progress plant and West Berliners who work there have experienced no difficulties. Next door to the Progress plant, however, there is a transformer factory from which over 20 workers have been dismissed. These workers are not of any particular age group; they are all living in the Soviet Zone.
8. There is a strong rumor in the Progress plant that all workers living in the Soviet Zone will be dismissed from the plant effective the end of February, and they will have to report for work on farms or with the KVP.

25X1

SECRET

25X1