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1. The former 18th Main Administration, with its seat in Dessau, in February 1955 changed its name to the Main Administration for the Construction of Devices and Equipment (Hauptverwaltung fuer Gerate - und Vorrichtungsbau). The seat of this Administration is no longer Dessau, but Pirna. The Pirna-Sonnenstein Compound is no longer called Materialamt or Amt fuer Material, but is referred to by the new designation quoted above. ^{1,2} 25X1
2. Henry Henrion, former manager of VEB Siemens-Plania, is head of the Main Administration for the Construction of Devices and Equipment. The organizational structure of the Main Administration is not yet completed. Henrion has three deputies: a) Professor B. Baade, technical head and head of development; b) Kuehnel (fnu), responsible for the commercial department, the bookkeeping department, and the material supply department; and c) Packhauser, (fnu), responsible for social and political affairs. 25X1
3. The following enterprises have so far been placed directly under the supervision of the Main Administration for the Construction of Devices and Equipment: a) VEB Maschinenfabrik (formerly NAGEMA), in Schkeuditz; Wendt (fnu) ³; b) VEB Astra-Bueromaschinenwerke, in Karl-Marx-Stadt. This enterprise is to become the central enterprise for the construction of aircraft engines. A test field for aircraft engines is to be installed at the former airfield at Karl-Marx-Stadt. The production of office material by the Astra enterprise is to be transferred to Zella-Mehlis (Thuringia) so that the premises of the enterprise become available for the purpose mentioned. 25X1
4. The airfield in Dresden-Klotzsche, which is now being evacuated, has also been turned over to the Main Administration for the Construction of Devices and Equipment. ⁴

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5. The personnel of the Main Administration are undergoing screening for political reliability. This screening is carried out under the direct supervision of the Berlin Office of the Main Administration and the Central Committee of the SED. It is believed that the personnel strength of the Main Administration will be increased considerably in the near future. It is known that Dresden and Pirna authorities have prohibited new arrivals from taking up residence in those cities without the authorization of the Main Administration and that all residences left by their former inhabitants are being reserved for personnel of the Main Administration.
6. At an unspecified date in 1955, documentary material arrived from the USSR and was stored in the Pirna-Sonnenstein Compound. This documentary material refers to the construction of the MIG-17; interpreters are engaged in translating this material and re-drafting Russian blueprints.³ It is also known that a group of aircraft specialists are engaged in a project concerning the construction of an aircraft type other than the MIG-17, but it is not known what type this second aircraft is.

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Comment: The former 18th Main Administration was engaged in the construction of the MIG-15.

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Comment: The evacuation of this airfield has been previously reported.

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