

CLASSIFICATION. SECRET	
COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT
TOPIC <u>Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair Shop "Progress" at Zeesen</u>	25X1
	25X1
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED
DATE OF CONTENT.	25X1
DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED <u>28 June 1955</u>
REFERENCES	
PAGES <u>1</u>	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)
REMARKS	25X1
This is UNEVALUATED Information	

1. In May 1955, motor vehicles completely overhauled at the Zeesen branch plant of the motor vehicle repair shop "Progress" included 56 Studebaker, 58 ZIS, 38 tank trucks of various makes, and 38 jeeps.
2. During April and May, the personnel at the plant was increased from about 550 to from 650 to 700 men. 25X1
3. Motor vehicles which were shipped out in May included 175 trucks, including 42 tank trucks, 35 jeeps, 8 repair shop trucks, and 5 ambulances. 25X1
4. The production quota for June was fixed at 175 trucks, including 40 tank trucks, and 40 jeeps.
5. There is a shortage of sheet metal, and a shortage of gaskets of all kinds. Two large shipments of sheet metal and gaskets have to be cut were delivered.
6. The 90 Soviet students which previously were employed at the plant were allegedly sent back to the USSR in mid-May. They were replaced by 90 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and motor transport insignia and have little technical knowledge. These soldiers are also quartered at the plant and in addition to their work in the plant have intensive military training which consists mainly of firing at the firing range, drilling and combat practices. It was believed among the German workers that these soldiers were to serve as security detail at the plant in addition to receiving technical training.
7. Some personnel were dismissed and replaced by the same number of personnel. Since mid-May Lieutenant Colonel (Eng) Solimov (fnu) has been assigned to the plant. He is in charge of procurement and maintenance of machinery and was transferred to Zeesen from the Oberscheenevide plant.

25X1

25X1

Page Denied