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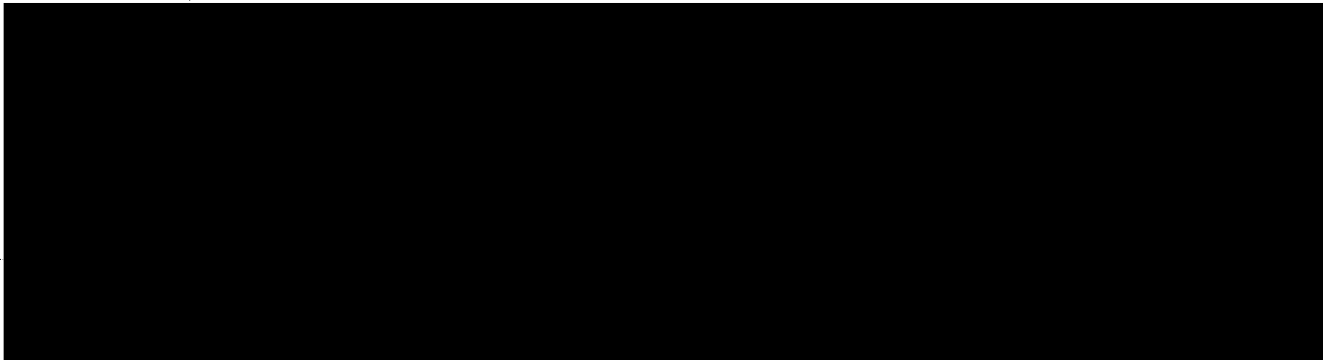
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1. In late August 1946, several hundred mechanics were called up by the Russians in Kreis Teltow for three weeks' compulsory labor at Frankfurt-on-Oder. Attempts by employers to have their workers exempted are reported to have been unsuccessful. Informant reports a wide-spread rumor that great numbers of men are due to be sent to the Oder soon for channel-control work. The Landrat of Teltow told informant that he had had no official news concerning this rumor. ([Redacted] Comment: For further information, see Report No. [Redacted] paragraph 3.)
2. According to [Redacted], the Labor Offices of the Province of Brandenburg are summoning more persons for the so-called channel-control work on the Oder. It is estimated that five percent of the male workers in Kreis Teltow and Potsdam have been called up so far. The orders originate with the local Russian commanders. The work period is two to eight months and only those workers who are needed for work on Russian orders are able to escape this summons.
3. The Central Administration for Labor and Social Welfare received an order from SMA in mid-July 1946 to supply 180,000 workers for channel-control work on the Oder. The Central Administration replied that it was unable to comply since there were not enough workers available. The [Redacted] 25X1X6 reports that during the period 1-5 September 1946, workers were being called up in the Leipzig area for work on the Oder. The population is reportedly worried that this compulsory labor may turn out to be work on fortifications, or may mean shipment to the USSR.
4. [Redacted] reports that men and women 14-65 years of age are being recruited for work in the area north of Berlin. Women who refused to obey the order were told that their entire families would be sent unless they complied.

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