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1. In addition to the training camps for German Communists inside the USSR, Soviet authorities have set up two training centers outside the Soviet Union. They are:

- a. The "W.S." (Westerschule), in Kaliningrad (Königsberg)

- b. The "S.A." (Schutzamt), at Lignica (Liegnitz).

2. The "W.S.", which occupies several villas in the suburbs of Kaliningrad (Königsberg), is under the direction of Imre Schick, a German Communist of Hungarian origin who has been a resident of the USSR since 1923. His brother is a staff member of the "American Review of Soviet Medicine". 25X1A6a
Comment: The "American Review of Soviet Medicine" does not list a Dr. Schick on the staff).

3. At the "W.S." a course on the US, England, France, and Poland is given to German prisoners of war whom the Soviet authorities decide to release and send home -- men who are regarded as capable of undertaking Communist propaganda. A large percentage of these students are young officers, former members of the SS or SA.

3. The school itself is a purely German institution with German as the language of instruction, but it is inspected by Soviet Lt. Colonel S.M. Marinov, commander of the MVD frontier forces at Tilsit. The lecturer on Poland is the former head of German Intelligence in Vilno, one Paul Heinemann.

4. The center known as "S.A.", set up in Lignica (Liegnitz), where Marshal Rokossovsky has his Northern Group Headquarters, is responsible for directing Germans trained in Russia to positions in the administrative and security services in the British, American, and Soviet Zones.

5. The staff is composed of 42 persons, of whom 29 are German and the remainder Russian. The commander of the camp is a Soviet MVD officer name Vasili Ignrovitch (sic) Durnashkin.

6. The chief tasks of the "S.A." are to ascertain that the Germans being sent home from the interior of Russia are really trustworthy enough to carry out the tasks assigned to them, and to provide them with the necessary documents and cover stories about their time in Soviet captivity. The "S.A." directs

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the rest, armed with suitable documents, go to the western zones of Germany.

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