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SUBJECT Evacuation of Specialists from the Zentralwerke in
Soemmerda
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SUPPLEMENT

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EVALUATION OF SOURCE [REDACTED]

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- On 21 October, 40 - 50 German engineers and five technicians of the Zentralwerk in Soemmerda (Rheinmetall-Borsig plant) received written notice of their transfer to Moscow. Their apartments were watched by the MVD. On 22 October, the men were sent off; they were allowed to take their families along, as well as their kitchen and bedroom furniture and household furnishings. They were taken by truck to the railroad siding of the Zentralwerke, i.e., to freight cars. A few secretaries were also made to accompany the transport.
- The workers have been adversely affected by these happenings with the result that their performance has slowed down considerably. The number of release requests is increasing; some of them are being accepted. Since the middle of October, all furloughs for workers and employees of the Zentralwerke have been cancelled.
- On 22 October, i.e., on the day of the deportation of engineers and technicians, one company of Russian soldiers was stationed in the western part of the factory (Zeppelinhalle).
- On October 15 - 17, four trucks, loaded with machines from hall 4400, left for Sowiershausen. ^{25X1A6a} ^{25X1A2g} Comment: For details on Building 4400 see [REDACTED]
- Fifty meters west of the Zeppelinhalle is a similar building; it is 12 meters wide, 4 meters high, and 100 meters long. This shop is entirely filled with parts (Zellenteile) for the A4. For the past few days, one of the dismantled former work-shops contained 55 parts, resembling rotary apparatus (Drehgestellartige Stücke). This shop also contains 300 boxes with half-finished parts for the "Askania-Rudder-Machines". For a number of days, 60 tanks of welded "Alublech" (aluminum plates) have been lying around on the factory grounds. These tanks have a length of about 250 cm. and a diameter of 140 cm., with an axial tubing of 20 cm which apparently serves as transit for the steering connections. There are also 10 tail pieces of the A-4; the last third of these is without control surfaces (Leitwerk) but has adjoining piece (Ansatz).
- In the buildings 4216 and 4200, which are guarded, work is progressing in the "Zellenbau".
- In building 4227, some devices are being built for a container to be made of "Alublech", as well as a mast of 6-meter length made of a steel pipe 15 (mm?) in diameter, equipped with fittings of steel plate.

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