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- 1. Between 1 and 10 September 1947, labor offices in Potsdam, Falkensee, Hennigsdorf, and Hohenneuendorf conscripted some 20,000 workers on SMA order. These people have been engaged in erecting emergency troop quarters on the grounds of the former Krampnitz Cavalry School (2-64), and others have been constructing barracks at the Döberitz (2-65) training area. During mid-September Soviet motorized units moved into repaired buildings at Krampnitz, including a motorized regiment with a detachment of multiple rocket launchers.
- 2. On 20 August, the 214th Rifle Division moved out of villages in the Meissen (F-09) area and participated in maneuvers south of Dresden until about 10 September. These troops have not returned to the Meissen area, but have been supplanted there by units alleged to be three tank divisions comprising a corps. Their tanks are T-46 type (sic) armed with German 88 mm AA guns. Before their arrival, Wilsendorf, Berlipsch, Seldewitz, Rosseweinswegen, and other villages were evacuated. (All towns unlocated).
- 3. As of 1 October, there were sixteen dismantling brigades in the Russian Zone under the command of Genmaior Weizs, who, as "industrial executive", is based in Haus Wendenschloss in Berlin-Müggelheim. The Wendenschloss houses all. Soviet services dealing with industrial information, production processes, and dismantling.

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- 4. The dismantling brigades consist chiefly of German, with some Russian, workers. Brigade leaders are Soviet officers. All workers are under strict military discipline and must observe duty schedules, hours, and roll calls; they are required to salute Russian superiors. Punishment for infractions is applied as in military units. Members of the brigades are forbidden to have any relations with the German population except in line of duty.
- 5. Four of the brigades were formed in mid-August 1947. These, presently inactive, are stationed on the grounds of the former Luftwaffe ammunition plant at Zinna (E-69). Six brigades are in Leipzig and its area, based in former barracks on

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the Döhlener Landstrasse. Three brigades are now dismantling the Leuna-Werke; two are dismantling in the lignite mining area of Saxony; one is dismantling the AEG plant near Hennigsdorf. Activity at the latter plant was delayed during late September by a shortage of transport.

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