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4. The other group in the Politburo recognizes that the Eastern Zone of Germany has been thoroughly drained and that economically it is no longer of importance. They see, however, the necessity of obtaining raw materials and finished goods, which they urgently need, by sharing in the control of the Ruhr, and therefore regard it as their primary and most important task to obtain a firm economic foothold in Germany, and from these new positions thus won in eastern Germany to extend their influence further afield into western Germany and even beyond.

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