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2. It is now publicly claimed by representatives of the German Economic Commission and representatives of the Central Executive Committee of the SED, that the change-over to long-range economic planning is associated with increased autonomy for the German Economic Commission, at least in the field of economic planning.

3. Actually, there is no basis for this assumption. The German Economic Commission is completely responsible to the SMA. The Economic Commission may submit suggestions to the SMA, but the final draft is only in the form approved by the SMA.

4. In the case of the six months' plan, the German Economic Commission submitted their draft to the SMA. The SMA considered these suggestions very carefully. On 20 June 1948, the draft was returned with considerable changes indicated. There was not the slightest resemblance between the Economic Commission's proposals and the SMA rulings in the vital phases of planned economy, i.e., the supplying of raw materials for the iron industry, the textile industries, etc. Officials of the German Economic Commission seriously doubt whether they can prepare a coordinated economic plan incorporating the SMA demands by the beginning of the fiscal period.

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