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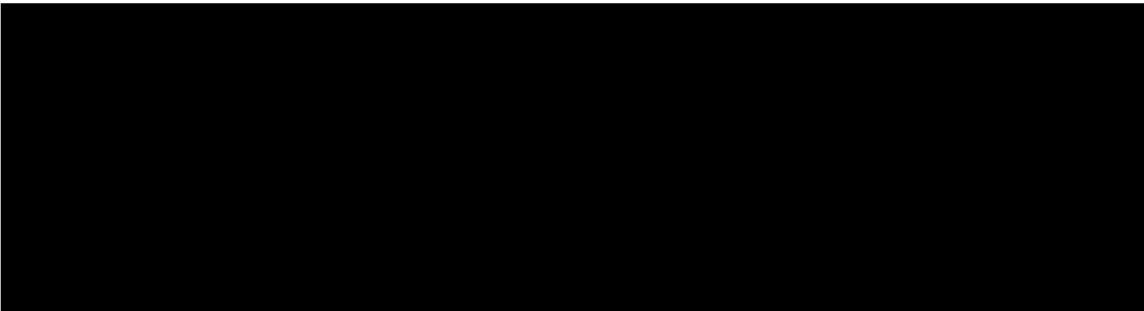
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1. Since the formation of the East German government, the relations between the Soviet control officers and members of the German ministries have been put on a different basis, so that commands are no longer issued, but are replaced by "advice". Letters, for example, from K. I. Koval to Minister Heinrich Rau begin "My dear Mr. Rau" and end "Your devoted Koval", and are phrased approximately as follows: "We consider the following steps to be advisable or necessary". Source remarks that this gesture is most important in the impression it has made on government officials, especially those of the bourgeois parties, and in the increased feeling of self-respect it has given them. Koval recently sent an order to Rau and Georg Handke to appear at his office on 25 October; Rau protested and Koval rescinded his order, and instead went to Rau's office to give his advice.
2. In the terminology of the new government an "Office" (Amt) is one degree higher than a Main Administration (Hauptverwaltung). There will be only four "Offices" in the governmental structure: Central Planning Office, Central Statistical Office, Office for Reparations, and Office of Information. Of these the first two will be under Rau in the Ministry for Planning.
3. In the old DWK each Hauptverwaltung had its own SED shop group, and these groups were under a unified SED headquarters within the DWK with the rank of an autonomous Kreisleitung. This headquarters is now abolished, and the shop groups of the various ministries will be responsible directly to the Central Secretariat of the SED.
4. The "German Administration of the Interior" has evacuated its quarters in Berlin-Milhelmsruh. The Ministry of the Interior is now located in Berlin-Mitte at Kanonierstrasse 8, while the so called Attached Main Administrations (Angegliederte Hauptverwaltungen) are set up in Berlin-Hohenschonhausen on Seckendorffstrasse in the former police school. These Administrations are "Volkspolizei" and "Schutz der Wirtschaft"; the latter is believed to be a cover name for K-5, the political police.

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5. Work continues in accordance with Order No. 101, issued in August 1949 by General Chuikov to the DWK, which called for the building of certain stretches of railroad track to enable Soviet Zone traffic to avoid passing through Berlin. However, the construction is not supervised by the new government, but by Soviet Army engineer troops under a Guards colonel. The work is to be completed by 1 March 1950.

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