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1. Employees of Section AK (political police) and of the Criminal Police within the Berlin Polizeipräsidium, are currently being screened in hour-long interviews to test their suitability as members of the Hauptverwaltung zum Schutze der Volkswirtschaft (separated from the Ministry of the Interior, DDR, and given ministerial status as the Ministry for State Security under a law passed by the Volkskammer of the DDR on 8 February 1950). Those persons declared qualified for the new ministry will temporarily divide their time between their former assignments and their new positions. Source could not state what future positions would be open to those who were not accepted for assignment in the new organization.

2. The duties of Referat III, Administrative Police, Polizeipräsidium, with the exception of matters pertaining to private associations, police administrative law, police injunctions and the reduction of sentences (Gnadenachen) will be transferred to the Magistrat, effective date as yet unknown. This decision was taken at a meeting of officials of the Hauptverwaltung für Volkspolizei, 27 January 1950.

3. Polizeikommandeur Julius Alfred Siegmund has been given command of the Guard Battalion stationed in Berlin-Köpenick, Seelenbinderstr. This unit totals 610 men, including a motorized section of 158, and is designed to perform the duties of an honor guard for official state functions. Abteilung S (uniformed police) of the Polizeipräsidium will exercise command authority over the Guard Battalion.

4. Section KD 1, Criminal Direction Unit, Criminal Police Department of the Polizeipräsidium, is now titled Organization and Planning, although it continues to exercise the functions contained in its former name, Inspection and Control.

5. Polizeirat Zuhr, Referent for Complaints (Beschwerdestelle), Referat for Legal Affairs in the Secretariat of the President of the Volkspolizei in Berlin, was dismissed without notice on 1 February 1950. His successor is Polizeimeister (fnu) Leithoff,

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formerly with Referat Prüfwesen (charged with final review of all financial matters of the Berlin police). It is planned to transfer Referat Prüfwesen from the Sekretariat to Abteilung Intendantur in the near future, corresponding to the system in effect in the HV für Volkspolizei.

6. Inspector Hans Seidel, Polizeikommandeur Konrad and Polizeirat Inge Spielmann, secretary to Seidel, Abteilung Intendantur, were all recently arrested and charged with large-scale black market dealings in confiscated goods and have recently been freed as a result of the implication of too many high ranking police officials in the affair for any effective prosecution.