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1. The Russian Zone Information Office (Amt fuer Information) is divided into ten departments or sections.* It maintains an office in each state, located in Schwerin for Mecklenburg, in Halle for Saxony-Anhalt, in Dresden for Saxony, in Erfurt for Thuringia, in Potsdam for Brandenburg, and in Berlin for Gross-Berlin. The organization of the offices in the various states corresponds to that of the zone-level Information Office.
2. The most important sections of the Information Office are the Information Control Section (Abteilung Informationskontrolle), the Press Section (Abteilung Presse), and the Peace and (Five-year) Plan Propaganda Section (Abteilung Friedens- und Planpropaganda). The Information Control Section operates under special security directives and is closely affiliated with the SSD. It is supplied with reports on the mood of the population by the offices in the various states. These reports are in turn forwarded to the SSD. The Peace and Plan Propaganda Section issues directives covering the propaganda work of all other sections of the Office. Among its main efforts were a concentrated campaign against remilitarization in Western Germany and the implementation of a so-called letter-writing program under which as many West Germans as possible were to receive propaganda letters. The Office also includes an Agitation Committee which is headed by Inge Lippmann and whose members are given weekly indoctrinations.**
3. The passes of employees of DDR government agencies are stamped with a black identification number, about 15 mm. high. Those of the Office bear the identification No. 26 and those of the Government Planning Commission No. 6. The official stamps of the Office and its sections are consecutively numbered, with the Cultural Affairs Section (Abteilung Kulturelle Fragen) having No. 7 and the Administrative Section (Abteilung Allgemeine Verwaltung) having No. 9.

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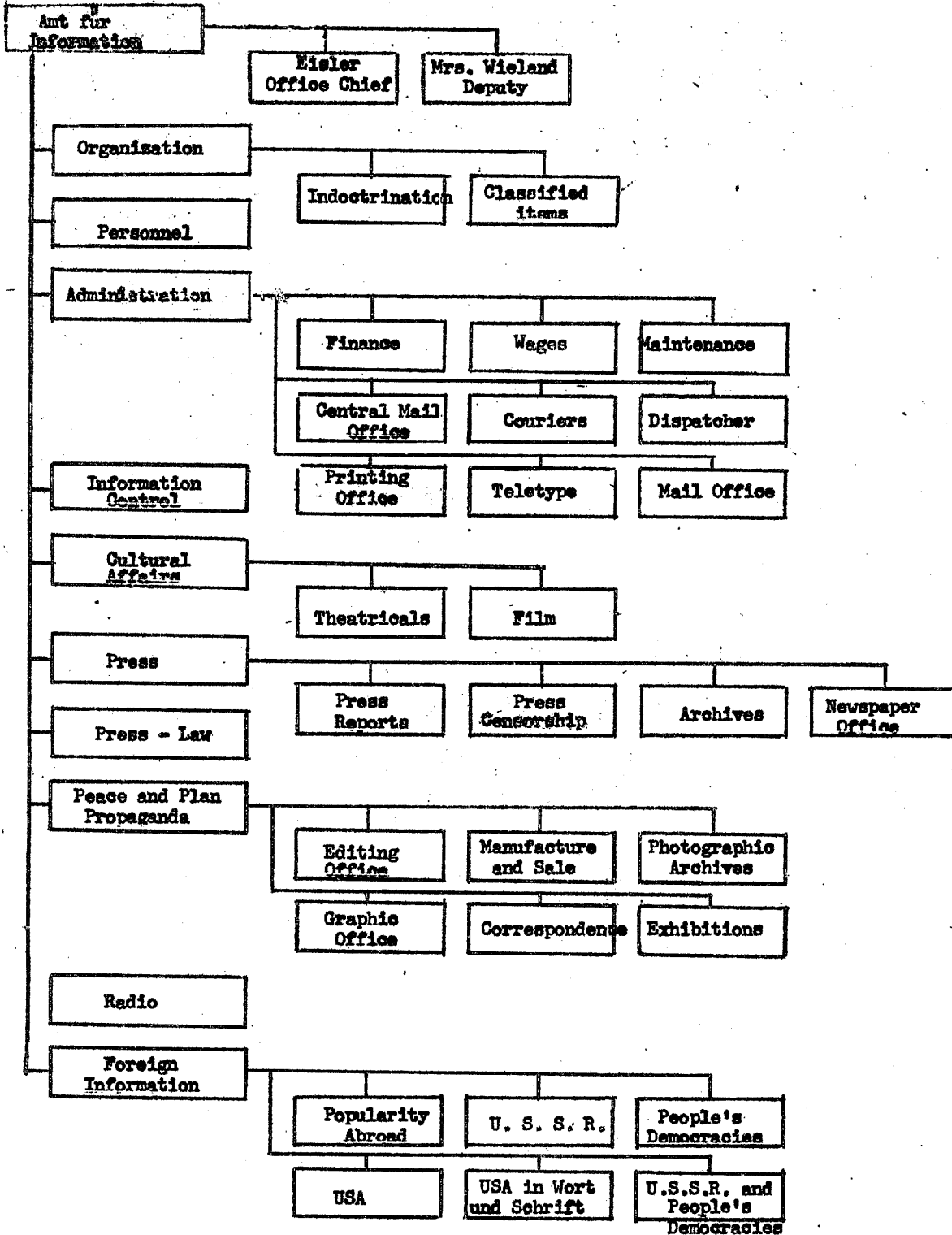
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