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1. Recently considerable organizational and personnel changes have taken place in the Zentral-Konstruktions Büro (ZKB) of the DDR. The former director of the ZKB (inn) Schroeder, was dismissed on 11 July 1952 without notice. [redacted]

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Among the employees, however, it is believed that Schröder was no longer adhering to the Party line, especially as it was laid down at the recent SED Party congress. Schröder had, for example, never attended all meetings of personnel opposed Party speakers; the employees had objected, for instance, to the speech of former Panzer General Martin Bormann on the theme, "Defense of the DDR".

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2. Dr. Kraemer, heretofore head of the Main Department of Metallurgy, of the Ministry for Smelting and Ore Mining, was appointed successor to Schroeder.² This transfer was a demotion for Kraemer; it is believed that he must now prove himself at ZKB as Minister Fritz Selbmann has had to demonstrate his abilities at DKO. From his first day at ZKB, Kraemer has busied himself with political activity. In a meeting when he first took office, he criticized the lack of political initiative of personnel at ZKB and censured all employers fulfillment of the so-called "Selbstverpflichtungen".²

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3. The former head of the commercial department of the ZAB, (Pan) Cherkovskiy, has also been dismissed without notice, allegedly because he is sified and Frangebogen. (Pan) Milcarek, 28 years old, was appointed as his successor.

4. In the course of the reorganization of the ZNS, the following main departments have thus far been established:

Main Department 1: Planning and Drafting. Chief: (bom) 100%.

Main Department II: Construction and Goods Control. Chief: (Chu) Janku.

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2. Comment. A conscientious fulfillment of duty.

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