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**COUNTRY:** Germany (Russian Zone)

25X1 **SUBJECT:** New Central German Police Administration for  
the Interior, Russian Zone

25X1 [redacted] newly-formed Central  
German Police Administration for the Interior in the Soviet  
25X1 Zone of Germany

25X1 [redacted]

25X1 1. Major SMIRNOV, Public Safety Officer of the SMA, made the statement in early September, that it was clearly recognized by Russian authorities that quadripartite control of the police in Berlin does not work, and that the Berlin police would probably deteriorate, in the near future, to an island in the Russian Zone of Occupation. In contrast to this, a newly-formed department in the Ministry of Interior of the German Central Administration of the Russian Zone of Occupation was to have charge of police matters for the zone and was expected to be able to work more independently and more efficiently. The department had already been set up in the former administration building of the Bergmann Electrical Appliance Works in Wilhelmsruhe, Berlin-North.

25X1 2. [redacted] this new central  
25X1 police department was in no danger of becoming any sort of  
25X1 new RSFA, nor of forming a new, centralized State Police, but  
25X1 rather that it was purely an administrative agency. It was to  
decide matters on a uniform level, such as police pay and  
clothing, retirement and promotion standards, and eventually,  
questions with police authorities of foreign states, etc.

[redacted] the agency was to  
form a kernel for the Ministry of Interior, first for the  
Soviet Zone, and perhaps later for all of Germany. [redacted]  
[redacted] active interest of Police President MARKGRAF in the  
developments at Wilhelmsruhe.

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3. [redacted] slow advancement in the organization of the new department, due to building shortages at its location in Kurze Strasse 5, and shortages of qualified personnel. No MVD interest in the new organization had been indicated, and Russian interest in general was conspicuously lacking. Indications so far were that the new police organization would have no operational functions, other than pure administration. The rumored transfer of the German Railroad and Shipping Police from the Administration of Transportation to the new police administration had not taken place.

NOTE: A transfer of two such thoroughly operative branches of police to the new agency would warrant suspicion of its true function and give reason to suspect the possible emergence of a political police.

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Officials of the new police administration [redacted]

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**RECHKE**

President, and also Police President of Thuringia; Former KPD functionary in Hamburg, now member of SED. Trained police officer. Arrested in 1933 by Nazis and spent 12 years in Buchenwald, where he became senior spokesman for the prisoners, "Lageraeltester."

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**KIELKE**

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Vice president. Member of SED, [redacted] MVD delegate in the new administration. Came to Berlin with the Red Army and was a minor official in the Berlin Police Praesidium.

**WAGNER**

Vice-president. SED member. Assumed political appointment.

**PFEIFFER**

Vice-president.

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NOTE: [redacted] SEIFERT as the third Vice-president.

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**NIKEN**

Personnel Officer. Automobile mechanic by profession. Formerly with the Berlin Police Presidium as Chief of the Police Trade Union. SED member.

**LOHNKUELLER**

Chief of Finance Department. Member of SED. Formerly minor official in the Presidial Abteilung of the Berlin Police Presidium.

**LUNDECKE, Betty**

Chief interpreter. SED member. Formerly courier between the Police Presidium and SNA, Karlshorst. Fiancee of Major SMIRNOV.

4. [redacted]

[redacted] the new police administration still had not been officially announced, and that secrecy surrounding the organization led many to believe that the existence of a new Gestapo was an accomplished fact. [redacted]

[redacted] the Railway and Water Police (reported above as Railroad and Shipping Police) were to be transferred as rumored, thereby making the new agency operational rather than administrative. [redacted] no evidence so far indicating the existence of a political or "secret" police at Wilhelmsruhe, and discounted rumors that the organization would become in effect a Russian-controlled NSDA.

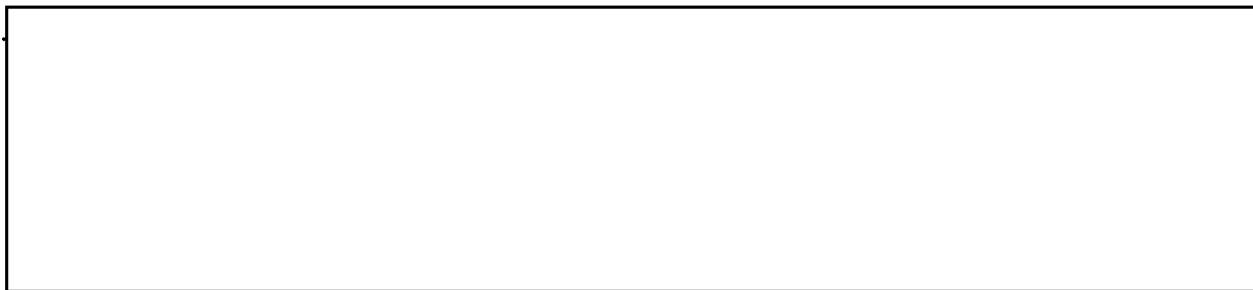
5. [redacted]

[redacted] a meeting in November of the leading officials of the Central Administration for the Interior at Wilhelmsruhe. SMIRNOV, now a Lt. Colonel, announced that the Administration for the Interior differed from other Central Administrations for the Soviet Zone. He stated that, whereas the other administrations have a purely advisory capacity, the new organization will have definite executive functions.

**NOTE:** Evidently the German Central Administration for the Interior is to be comprised solely of this new police organization and the new agency is to be entitled as such.

For this reason SMIRNOV stated, it had been decided to subordinate the Administration for the Interior directly to SNA, Karlshorst. He added that because of its executive functions, the new organization will be more closely supervised by Soviet authorities than any other Central Administration in the Soviet Zone at present.

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