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- In September 1952, an East German air force commission from the HVL (Hauptverwaltung Luft) of the Ministry of the Interior visited the Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen HF (OSW) in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, Ostendstrasse 1-5. Two or three men of the commission talked to various specialists in the plant, trying to recruit them for work in Pirna, near Dresden. The commission showed particular interest in specialists with knowledge of design and development in the fields of flow apparatus (Stroemungsapparate) and optics, and in German specialists repatriated from the USSR. It was believed in OSW that these recruitments were for a research and development center of the future East German air force at Pirna, 17 kilometers southeast of Dresden, on the Elbe River.¹ The OSW workers were somewhat perturbed to note that the commission also visited more than ten persons in their homes and made inventories of the furniture. This recalled the Russian actions of October 1946, before the great deportations to the USSR.

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- Comment. Other technical activity conducted by the East German air force is actually at Sonnenstein, the eastern suburb of Pirna. It is not clear if the research is, or is to be, there also.

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