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SUBJECT: DTLINEN

TO : Chief, PBMIGHT

1. In its continuing campaign aimed at the disruption of Soviet Zone administrative functioning, DTLINEN prepared and disseminated three administrative circulars during the month of May. 5

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2. The first, dated May 7, purports to originate with the Finance Ministry of the DDR. It is addressed to all branches of the ministry in the different Lander as well as the finance administration headquarters in the six Lander. Entitled "Instruction No. 39", it discusses the compilation of retail tax income purportedly necessary for plannings within the framework of the Five Year Plan. The circular continues to direct all responsible officers to submit such reports for the period January through March not later than 15 May 1951.

3. The second, dated May 12, purportedly originated with the Finance Administration of the SED management group in East Berlin and was addressed to all finance sub-sections of the party all down the line. It directs all finance offices to send two representatives each to an important conference to be held May 19 in East Berlin. It continues by giving the three discussion themes:

"a. Our party in the fight for the unity of Germany in 1951.

b. Selection of a committee for the purpose of examining a Ways and Means Committee to be charged with scrutinizing the administration of the Finance Ministry of the Länder.

c. General Discussion.

In reference to "B" it continues to direct that no correspondence was to be written back to headquarters in order not to alert any of the effected branches. Per diem allowances for this trip were given.

4. The third, dated May 20, purportedly originated with the Kreis Administration of the National Front in Stendal and was addressed to all National Front branches in the Kreis. The circular directs all branch offices of the N.F. in this particular Kreis to issue all propaganda material aimed at the Plebiscite, which up to this point had been subject to payment, freely and free-of-charge up to the holding of the Plebiscite on June 6. It continues to inform them that accrued funds should immediately be used to organize enlightening shock committees, these committees to go into the private houses and apartments of the Kreis and to involve the voters in discussions about the purpose of the Plebiscite. The agitators are to be briefed and directed not to discuss the arming of the Peoples Police. Questions on the subject are to be side stepped by pointing out that the Peoples Police is organized only to protect the already gained successes of the republic.

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