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1. Dewald (fnu), a Russian-speaking Commercial Department employee, is the only official of Siemens-Plania now empowered to deal with the Soviet acceptance engineers who visit the plant, or with any other Soviet officials who deal with the Siemens plant.

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2. All orders for silicon carbide (Silit) products arrive at the Siemens plant in Lichtenberg in sealed envelopes delivered by couriers from SAG KABEL Headquarters. No orders for these products have ever been received from DIA. The letters from KABEL Headquarters are hand-carried to the office of the Director, where they are opened by Russian personnel only, and no formal orders indicating that delivery is to be made on account of KABEL or any other organization has ever been observed. Deliveries of silicon carbide heating rods against these orders are packed in wooden crates, lined with water resistant corrugated cardboard, and then covered with special tar paper, so as to be ready for sea transport. The crates are picked up at the plant by truck. The identity of the trucking firm or destination of these shipments is not known.

3. Since 1949 there have been no deliveries of graphite products from Siemens-Plania, Berlin-Lichtenberg, to the USSR directly, nor have any shipments of electrodes been made to the USSR. Large orders for delivery of both electrodes and silicon carbide rods were filled, however, for shipment to Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania. Czechoslovakia is also reported to have purchased large quantities of tamping clay (Stampfmasse) used to line the vats used in the refinement of bauxite and the extraction of aluminum by electrolytic means.

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