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1. [Redacted]

25X1 Members of the TraPo were requested to volunteer for these engineer units and to sign up for a prolonged period. Members of the railroad engineer units were to wear the previous uniforms of the TraPo with olive-drab shirts, however, instead of blue shirts.

25X1 2. [Redacted] all departmental and sub-departmental chiefs at the Ministry of Railroads had been asked to submit data on their military backgrounds.

25X1 3. [Redacted] the transportation police of the East German railroads was scheduled to be re-organized in early 1954. The TraPo was to be integrated into the KVP. By 1 June 1954, TraPo units were scheduled to be billeted in barracks installations. Members of the TraPo would cease to be treated as civilian employees and would be given military ranks corresponding to those of the KVP. For the time being the TraPo would continue in their previous missions such as the guarding of railroad installations and railroad bridges. Later, "Betriebsschutz A" would take over the missions of the present TraPo. When this information became known among members of the TraPo they appeared to be rather depressed.

4. On 11 January 1954, the re-organization of the TraPo within the area of WPA (T) Wittenberg, was completed. The TraPo was organized into 2 companies of 120 men each. One of these companies was stationed in Wittenberg, the other one in Dessau. The previous TraPo ranks were retained for the time being.

5. In early January, a "Betriebsschutz B" was being organized from railroad men who belonged to the SED. Training with weapons has already been started. Betriebsschutz B is eventually to take over the missions presently exercised by Betriebsschutz A.

25X1 Comment. According to previous information plans to integrate the TraPo into the KVP and possibly to organize special railroad engineer units have been under consideration since the summer of 1953. [Redacted]

25X1 The present report indicates that these plans will be executed. Betriebsschutz A is believed to have made sufficient progress in training so as to be able to take over the missions of the TraPo. After incorporation of the TraPo into the KVP the strength of the KVP would be increased by 7,000 to 8,000 men. CLASSIFICATION SECRET

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