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by the Ministry of the Interior in June 1953, it was not planned to make full use of the plant's capacity. In August 1953, the planning section of the Main Administration of Radio Plants prepared the 1954 production program which envisaged an output for the Zittau radio plant, for the manufacture to the value of 6,000,000 eastmarks and construction to the value of 2,500,000 eastmarks. The orders were to be based on the sales made at the Leipzig fair. In 1953 all orders on reparation account were executed by the Zittau radio plant, but no orders for reparation deliveries to be made in 1954 had been received by October 1953.

2. The Fernmeldewerk Zittau (Zittau telecommunication engineering works) was merged with Funkwerk Zittau-Olbersdorf in the late summer of 1953 under the new title of RFT-Funkwerk Zittau and under the management of Blasig, the former manager of the Zittau-Olbersdorf radio works. In January 1954, the labor force of the radio plant amounted to about 800 persons as against a personnel of about 230 in January 1953.

3. In March 1953, the order of the Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen (Bureau for Economic Affairs) (Bf [redacted]) radiotelephone sets was reduced from 3,100 to 2,100 units. [redacted] on of the order was possible because the units were already [redacted] in [redacted] ILLEGIB  
offered the [redacted] the Ministry of the Interior, [redacted]  
riums fuer B [redacted]  
benstrasse, Berlin, [redacted]  
and between locomotive [redacted]  
assigned frequencies [redacted]

In October 1953, the Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik (Athletic and Technical Association), which had shown interest in the Liliput-type radiotelephone set for some time, placed an order for 500 sets which were to operate on 60 kc/s. The sale of radio equipment to the VP was continued in November 1953. However, no new development orders for radio equipment had been placed with the Dresden, Leipzig and Zittau radio manufacturing plants. New directives on the distribution of available Liliput-type radio sets were issued by Belz (fnu), head of the Planning

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headed by ~~the~~ Koppatsch (name) [REDACTED] equipment for civilian use and disclosed [REDACTED] would be placed in the future [REDACTED] agencies wanting to buy the Lil [REDACTED] Postal and Telecommunications M [REDACTED] -type sets had been received by VEB Verba [REDACTED] (power supply grid) at 42/44 Mohrenstrasse, Berlin W 8, which would use the radiotelephone for line construction work and on large building sites (the sets were 34.2 and 34.3 kc/s frequencies) and VEB Freiburger Praezisionsmechanik (precision mechanics works) at 2 a Hainichenerstrasse, Freiberg, Saxony. This plant had received from the Ministry of Engineering an order for hypsometric surveys, in which the communication between the initial and terminal points of the measured distance was established by means of the Liliput radiophone set.

4. In late May, five artillery "polygons" (training sights) were ordered by Levchenko (fnu), who was in command of Artillery Unit [REDACTED] garrisoned in Luebben. 25X1
5. On 30 October 1953, Minister Wunderlich (name), at a meeting of the main administration chiefs, disclosed that VEB RFT Entwicklung (radio development office) at 17-19 Heinestrasse, Leipzig, headed by one Riemann would be dissolved again, and that the tasks assigned to this development office would be taken over by central development offices to be established at all large radio engineering plants.
6. Lange (fnu), head of the Research and Development Section of the Radio Main Administration, at a meeting on 3 November 1953, informed the managing engineers of various radio plants that in the future radio development orders for the KVP would be placed exclusively through the Main Administration of Radio and Telecommunication Engineering of the Ministerium fuer Allgemeinen Maschinenbau. Some of the development experts of the former BfW and the radio plant had therefore been transferred to this main administration. Lange told that he had met great difficulties in getting away from the Auftragserteilung Abteilung of the Ministry of the Interior, because this section was facing new important tasks as a result of the new situation in the German Democratic Republic created by September 1953 elections in the German Federal Republic.
7. The issuance of new radio regulations for East Germany caused great difficulties for the majority of the existing ship radio installations because most of them did not meet the requirements of these radio regulations. In October 1953, various conferences were held to discuss the necessary modifications to be made on ship radio equipment. At a meeting held on 4 November 1953 it was stated that the supply of ship radio sets in 1954 could be assured only if the postal administration would change its radio directives and give permission to use the previous frequencies. Work on the orders for marine radio sets was stopped at the Dabendorf and Zittau radio plants until this problem was solved.
8. Until September 1953, the development by the Koepenick radio engineering plant of a fish finder for the fishing industry had made slow progress. The Main Administration of the Fishing Industry therefore tried to buy a fish finder from the Hagenuk firm in Kiel. Experiments with limit-wave direction finder for the East German fishing fleets had not reached any results by late September 1953, but were continued.
9. In August 1953, the telecommunication plant recently erected in Grossbreitenbach in Thuringia, received orders for the manufacture of tumbler switches and Kellogg-type switches, which previously had been made by the Stern-Radio firm in Berlin, and also for jack plugs, which previously were manufactured by the Zittau radio and telecommunication engineering works.

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10. Prior to September 1953, no workers had been dismissed at East German radio engineering plants. On the contrary, additional workers had to be hired by the Sternradio Plant in Stassfurt and the Grossbreitenbach, Bad Blankenburg and Zittau radio works.

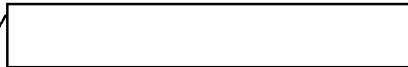
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1.  Comment. For minutes of the conference of the supervising committee of the VEB Zittau-Obersdorf radio plant held on 12 February, see Annex.

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