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Work performed at the IFA Works in Chemnitz.

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- On 15 May 1954, Herr Meister (fnu) visited the plant in Chemnitz. He ordered the formation of a special working group consisting of returnees who up to that time were employed in different divisions of the plant. Ingenieur Schell (fnu) was made group leader. The group included the following persons:
 Ing. Schischock (fnu)
 Ing. Scheumann (fnu)
 Ing. Karl Schenk
 Dipl. Ing. Helmut Stegbeck
 Ing. Teichert (fnu)
 Ing. Steinaecker (fnu) (moved to Federal Republic)

The following persons are scheduled to be added to this group:
 Dipl. Ing. Max Lorentzen, [redacted] formerly employed at the Junkers Works an expert in propellers

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- Ing. Dubnak (fnu)
- Ing. Enderlin (fnu)
- Ing. Wandersleb (fnu)

Two offices of the IFA plant were given to the group. Meister stated that they would work independent of the plant.

- Meister showed an order designated Project No 021-0001/TB, concerning the design and construction of a mobile propeller test stand for engines rated up to 700 h.p. The suspension arrangement of the test stand was designed to accommodate either a 7-cylinder radial engine or a 5-cylinder engine of 300 h.p. A 8-ton chassis of flat-bed trailer type with a double-crenated frame was to carry the test stand, which is designed to allow operation lengthwise to the chassis axle. An emergency power generator was provided for in the plan.

On 5 July 1954, the project drawings were completed and procurement matters explored. No completion date had been mentioned nor was the working location of the test stand stated. Apparently a good supply of money was available since all requests were readily approved.

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The chassis, axle and turning mechanism were to be delivered by the VEB Schmiedewerk "Hermann Mattern" in Rosswein/Saxony and the VEB Kraftfahrzeugbau Vilstroff in Dresden.

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The following plants were involved in the supply of various instruments.

FIMAG, Finsterwalde - Maschinenbau, Finsterwalde:
emergency power generator,

VEB-Kompressorenbau, Gera:
compressor for the compressed-air starter,

VEB-Elektrowaerme, Sornewitz:
rectifier and heating installation.

No difficulties were experienced in placing the orders as the requested equipment appeared to be available.

Procurement Center in Pirna

4. The procurement of aviation measuring sets met with difficulties. [redacted] the Central Depot of the Pirna Procurement Center located in Heidenau near Dresden. On the first floor of the main building which housed the VEB-Polygraph (construction of printing machines), a variety of aviation material was displayed on tables in two rooms. [redacted] this is a collection point for captured war material. [redacted] search for adequate equipment for the test stand, such as a barometer and RPT-reading meter went without result.

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5. [redacted] colleagues from Chemnitz had an opportunity to visit the Procurement Center in his search for the necessary equipment to attach the 7-cylinder radial engine to the test stand. The second visit involved general procurement questions. In a parklike works area with irregularly distributed buildings, [redacted] a large workshop [redacted] In this workshop, several employees were working on the assembly of a crane. Except for some lathes and workbenches, no machinery was seen. A 7-cylinder radial engine covered with a tarpaulin stood in the center of the workshop. The necessary equipment for the projected test stand taken from this engine.

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6. [redacted] in the Procurement Center in Pirna:

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Dipl Ing Theo Maedebach, expert in plastics
Ing Hermann (fnu), statistician and stability expert
Ing v. J. Fange (fnu), engine specialist, formerly employed at BMW
Ing Banas (fnu), technologist
technician Wegener (fnu) [redacted]
Ing Kurt Vogel
Ing Hundhausen
Ing Harleib

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Of those who returned from the USSR on 3 July 1954, the following were scheduled to go to Pirna:

Dr Scheirost (fnu)
Ing Jakob. Has already taken his residence in Pirna. [redacted]
Ing Trimbusch. [redacted]
Guenther Lange. [redacted]

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Salaries of 3,000 to 16,000 DM per month were offered to the experts who returned on 3 July 1954.