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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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- 2. Bolz is to be given a new official car, a SIM. His old SIM is being overhauled and is to be turned over to Ferdinand Thun, chief of protocol in the Foreign Ministry.
- 3. Wilhelm Meissner, chief of Main Department (HA) III in the Foreign Ministry, attended the Prague Conference on 29 and 30 December 1954. He returned to Berlin on 31 December. His name was not published as one of the delegates attending the conference.
- 4. The Abteilung zur Betreuung der Diplomaten will be separated from the Foreign Ministry and will receive independent status on 1 February 1955. It will be moved out of the Foreign Ministry to Dorotheastrasse in Karlshorst, in or near a building where the Soviet Consulate was formerly located.
- 5. In order to check and control the attendance of Foreign Ministry employees at the 16 January 1955 demonstration against the Paris Agreements in East Berlin, each employee had to sign a slip, stating whether or not he would participate in the demonstration. The slips had to be returned to Martin Bierback, secretary of the SED BPO in the Foreign Ministry for carefull checking. This is the first time in the history of the Foreign Ministry that employees had to state in written form whether or not they would participate in a political demonstration. This new practice has generated a feeling of disgust among Ministry employees.
- 6. Ferdinand Thun, chief of Protocol, and member of the NDP, still is addressed among his friends by the title Herr Graf (Count), although he officially has rengamed the title.



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