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January 1955 [redacted] engineering plant) were filed [redacted] West [redacted] that an [redacted] could be [redacted] morale among the work force and the small [redacted] to make the work done at the radio engineering plant unprofitable. Development work on the Meddo equipment was placed under the collective responsibility of a group of engineers.

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2. In March and early April, the situation at the plant was rather confused, especially in the field of development work. Leading development engineers [redacted] that they thought of going to West Germany. Many technicians [redacted] the Koepenick radio engineering plant had already [redacted]

3. [redacted] Department for "Technische Entwicklungsplanung" (Department for the Development [redacted] initiative [redacted] fer, [redacted] department for heat producers (TEW). [redacted]

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A Scientific Council to advise the [redacted]

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works director [redacted] established. [redacted] was chief of [redacted] Department (technical [redacted] is probably [redacted] member of the new council [redacted] of the TE [redacted] reorganize [redacted]

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4. In early May, many of the dismissal notices given [redacted] morale of the workers and employees improved. FDJ [redacted] recruitment campaign for the KVP and 25 young workers volunteered [redacted] service with the KVP. The Amt fuer Warenkontrolle (Office for Goods Control) wanted to hire young mechanics who were offered an initial salary of 460 DME per month. In the field of orders for marine radio equipment [redacted] had improved. It appeared that the TEF (technical development [redacted] would be employed to capacity in 1955.

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fields of development work the situation was still rather confused, partly because of the vacillating policies of the Ministry of the Interior. In view of this unsatisfactory situation, development engineers were [redacted] in their work [redacted] clarification [redacted] chief of [redacted] Department [redacted] wicklun [redacted] replaced by Scheil.

- 5. The progress of the newly developed Meddo set, an anti-aircraft radar, [redacted] at Koepenick after the completion of [redacted] minor [redacted] were necessary after these tests. For example, the [redacted]

report [redacted] the result of the first tests were to be completed in late February 1955. Development work on this equipment still had project No. K-5-28.

- 6. In April, work on the report of the Meddo equipment was to be [redacted]. The [redacted] report had been ordered by the Interior Ministry, but it was inferred from a statement made by [redacted] engineers that the Soviets were interested in this report [redacted] they were [redacted] impressed by the efficiency of the [redacted] report was [redacted]

- 7. In [redacted] Koepenick radio engineering plant suggested to the [redacted] Meddo set be subjected to [redacted] land tests at [redacted] this occasion, a maximum number of [redacted] technicians was to [redacted] with the set. The tests were also to yield data for the [redacted] of the antenna. By [redacted] the Interior Ministry had not [redacted] any decision on the project. In [redacted] May, the design for [redacted] had been completed and the [redacted] antenna itself was under construction. The antenna was of the [redacted] type, was similar to the British model Decca-4 [redacted] antenna.

- 8. According to a plan received by [redacted] TET Department [redacted] monetary allocations for the development of a [redacted] project No. [redacted] included 128,000 DEM [redacted] project No. K-5 [redacted] the second item had suffix letters GVS and was followed by an excitation mark. Project No. K-5-29 referred to the building of two Meddo sets [redacted] after the K-5-28 prototype. Work on the building of these two sets was [redacted] in March. The sets were said to be earmarked for use by the KVP and [redacted] were [redacted] to be provided with a visual indicator.

- 9. In April the security regulations in force for the development of the Meddo equipment were tightened. The new plans and the last results of tests were made known only to a small circle of experts of political reliability. The records related to the further development of the equipment which were being kept under reference No. K-5-30 were only accessible to Scheuer, Mundte, Scheil, Ebert and some leading development engineers. All the records were treated as classified material.

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