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Organization.

1. Object 96 in December 1953 administered the following installations:
 - a. Pit 269 (Schacht), mining radioactive coal
 - b. Pit 209, mining uranium ore
 - c. Pit 196, mining uranium ore
 - d. The ore concentration plant at Freital, known generally to Wismut employees as "the old factory".
 - e. The ore concentration plant at Gittersee, known generally to Wismut employees as "the new factory".

2. As of 1 January 1954, Object 96 will likewise assume control of the following new pits, which are now scheduled for exploitation:
 - a. Pit 3
 - b. Pit 4
 - c. "Gittersee Schacht"
 - d. "Burg 3 Schacht"

The new pits are situated in the vicinity of Freital, but in a different valley from Pit 269.

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Pit 269.

3. Pit 269, situated in Freital, employed in December 1953 approximately 1,760 Germans.
4. Coal mined from Pit 269 is burned for a period of about 12-18 months. The ashes are then sorted. The higher grade of ash is sent direct to the ore concentration plant at Gittersee for processing; the lower grade goes first to "the old factory" at Freital for preliminary processing and from there to "the new factory" at Gittersee for final treatment.
5. The target for December 1953 for Pit 269 is as follows:

a. Coal Production

Section (Revier) I	2,460 cu. m.
" II	3,160 cu. m.
" III	1,380 cu. m.
Sections IV & V (together)	<u>2,000 cu. m.</u>
Total	<u>9,000 cu. m.</u>

b. Extension

During December, the underground galleries are to be extended a total of 800 m.

6. The guard duties at Pit 269 are performed by Germans.

Pit 196 and Pit 209.

7. Both these pits are in the Erzgebirge, and both have been continuously and very profitable exploited since the early days of Wismut. Supplies of ore are now rapidly approaching the point of exhaustion, however, and both pits have now been placed under the control of one Schachtleiter.
8. Pit 196 is situated at Niederpebel near Schmiedeberg in the Erzgebirge, and at present is employing 200 Germans.
9. Pit 209 is situated at Baerenhecke, also in the Erzgebirge, and at present has a staff of about 220 Germans. At its peak, before 1950, this pit was believed to be producing as much as 60 pit cars (capacity 0.6 tons) of Grade I and Grade II ore per shift; three shifts per day were worked. In 1952, however, it is reported that the monthly target (which was usually exceeded) was as low as:

Grade I	350 containers (Kisten)
Grade II	450 containers
Grade III	500-600 containers
10. Low-grade ore from both pits is taken to one of the two concentration plants at Freital and Gittersee for processing.
11. Both Pit 196 and Pit 209 are still guarded by Russian soldiers.

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Russian Personalities.

12. a. Object 96, Headquarters:

- (1) Objektleiter: Vlasov; 50X1-HUM
- (2) Senior Engineer: Pavel Ignatievich Nesterov;
- (3) Technical Safety Officer: Alekseyev;

b. Pit 269:

- (1) Schachtleiter: Konstantin Nikolayevich Mermanishvili; 50X1-HUM
- (2) Senior Engineer: Evgeni Kuzmich Kuznetsov;
- (3) Geologist: Shilgin;
- (4) Geophysicist: Zakharov;
- (5) Surveyor: Shcheglakov;
- (6) In charge of shot-firing: Kvinitadze;

c. Pit 196 and Pit 209.

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- (1) Schachtleiter (for both): Nikolay Kharin;
- (2) Engineer: Borisov;

d. From Wismut Headquarters, Karl-Marx-Stadt.

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