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1. Wismut AG headquarters is located in Siegmars-Schönau; the director general is General Maltsov¹ (fnu). Objects No. 1 and No. 8 are located in Johanngeorgenstadt. Object No. 1 employs approximately 40,000 Germans. The Russian staff of the Object headquarters consists of approximately 40 employees. About 80 Russian engineers and various technical advisors work in the mines and other installations of the Object. The number of Russian security and guard personnel cannot be estimated, but several battalions are assumed to be stationed in or around Johanngeorgenstadt.
2. The Object headquarters is housed in the former Vendlersfabrik (six),² which is located in the vicinity of the main railroad station. This building was reconstructed for administrative use in 1946 when Object No. 1 absorbed Object No. 12 and other minor installations. The building is of brick, has three floors, and on each floor are about seven or eight offices. The building is guarded on the outside by the blue VOPO and on the inside by Russian soldiers. The first floor houses those offices which have frequent contact with German employees and laborers (bookkeeping, payment office, legal advisor, and the reception room of the chief of the Object). The second and third floors house offices in which most of the employees are Russians. Special guards are posted on each floor, and German employees or visitors have to obtain special permits to enter these two floors. These special permits are issued by the Russian chief of the Cadre Section.
3. The Object administration is sub-divided into the following sections: Office of the Chief of Object; Office of the Chief Engineer; Bookkeeping; Planning; Norms; Cadre and Personnel; the Geophysical Section; Surveyor's Office; Section 01 Explosives; Supply and Material Accounts; Typographical Section; Political Officer and Party Organizations.

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4. Object No. 1 has the following mines:

- a. Mine No. 1 is located at the so-called Gummi Bahnhof; approximately 2,800 to 3,000 miners work in this shaft. Shaft No. 1 is engaged primarily in mining and in building new shafts which are gradually pushed to the surface under the old part of Johanngeorgenstadt. Shaft No. 1 is known to produce good ore.
- b. Shaft 18-53 employs approximately 3,000 laborers.
- c. Shaft 147 employs approximately 1,500 laborers.
- d. Shaft 31 employs approximately 3,000 laborers.
- e. Shaft 31 Bis, with 1,500 laborers.
- f. Shaft 54 with 3,000 laborers.
- g. Shaft 51 with 2,000 laborers.
- h. Shaft 58 is called the "Geological Shaft" and is primarily engaged in geological analyses of the various layers close to the surface. Although the geologists of Shaft 58 have discovered that the granite contains considerable amounts of uranium they are now trying to establish if and in what way this uranium can be used on a larger scale.

5. In addition to these shafts, Object No. 1 manages two motor pools: Garage No. 1, which is the motorpool for all trucks, dump trucks, and passenger cars; and the Eibenstock Motor Pool, which runs all the busses of Object No. 1. Object No. 1 has approximately 30 trucks, 50 dump trucks and 30 passenger cars. All trucks and dump trucks have white license plates with black letters. The usual letter for utility vehicles is "M"; for example, M-31-44. Passenger cars have license plates beginning with the letter "P"; for example, P-59-74. There are no more than four numerals on all license plates. Object No. 1 has approximately 12 busses and trailers.

6. Other Object No. 1 installations are the ore factory located on Dimitroffstrasse, approximately one kilometer from the headquarters building; Capital Investment and Construction, located in the Eibenstockerstrasse; and the HO Wismut stores, one of which is now in the process of being evacuated from the older part of the city because some of the shafts are being dug under it.

7. Security is primarily the responsibility of two MVD battalions housed in two recently constructed barracks; one on Eibenstockerstrasse and the second opposite Gummi Bahnhof. Each barracks consists of three buildings, each approximately 30 x 10 meters, with two floors. In addition to the two MVD battalions, there is the SSD unit with quarters in the Eibenstockerstrasse. The SSD has one official in each installation of the Object. Guards for the headquarters building, single installations and the shafts are, however, provided by Russian military units. There are two or three battalions stationed in and around Johanngeorgenstadt. The units are mostly tank and infantry but there are various smaller AAA units around the entire area. The main military barracks are on Bahnhofstrasse. It is occupied by tank troops. Approximately 300-400 troops are housed in recently constructed barracks in the vicinity of the ore plant. The security system is extremely tight. Each employee and laborer, including the Russian personnel, is checked very thoroughly by the guards at the gates or entrances of each shaft office or other installation. All employees and workers must get a special tag prior to entering their place of work; only a few leading employees can move more or less freely in all the installations of the Object, whereas the others are restricted to the area where they work. Miners are checked when leaving their place of work by means of equipment indicating radioactivity. The equipment is extremely sensitive and shows even the smallest quantity of ore or ore dust on the workers' clothes.

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8. The ore which is mined in the individual shafts of Object No. 1 is packed immediately in the so-called ore boxes (80 x 40 x 50 cms) which are controlled for radioactivity and weighed in the so-called ore control points in each separate shaft. The staffs of the ore control points are made up exclusively of Russian personnel. The control point puts on each box a slip indicating the shaft, the mining date, the full name of the miner, and the findings of the radioactivity checker. No box can leave the control point until it has been properly processed, weighed and checked by the responsible Russian. The packed ore is then transported by trucks to the ore plant. After being processed by the ore mill, the ore is packed in metal boxes and shipped by special ore trains through Chemnitz to the USSR. The ore trains have special guards consisting of a party of MVD or military personnel.

9. The personnel of Object No. 1 are as follows:

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a. The chief of the Object is Opanchuk (fnu)

b. Garnyshev (fnu), chief engineer of Object No. 1.

c. Fomichev (fnu), the chief of Shaft No. 1.

d. Viktor Cherbakov, chief surveyor of Shaft No. 1.

e. Aleksandrov (fnu), engineer of the Geophysical Section.

1. Comment: General Maltsov or Maltsev was succeeded in the summer of 1952 by General Bogatov

2. Comment: Possibly Wanderer-Werke.

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