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Various Soviet Army units at Fuerstenwalde. These are engineer and administrative units. Names of Soviet officers in these units are included in the report.

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(12 December 56)Cinema Unit at Steinhöfler Strasse.

1. This cinema unit [REDACTED] is located at Steinhöfler Strasse (383 045) in a two storey building and consists of 5 or 6 officers and about 30 men. The unit is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel SURKOW (CYPKOB) who wears the uniform of the tank corps. Senior Lieutenant Boris NILJEMJENKO (НИЦЕМЕЖКО), who wears red/red shoulderboards, is the paymaster of the unit. The other ranks wear engineer corps uniform. 25X1
2. The unit is responsible for repairing, maintaining and distributing to Soviet units throughout the DDR all manner of wireless-sets, loudspeakers, projectors, films, cinematographic equipment, screens, etc. Units in FÜRSTENWALDE, POTSDAM, EBERSWALDE, FRANKFURT/ODER, KARLSHORST and LEIPZIG are known to have received equipment from this unit.
3. German technicians also assist in the repair and maintenance of equipment.

"Autobauhof" unit.

4. The so-called "Autobauhof" unit is located at 371 991. It takes its name from the fact that the former German Wehrmacht used to maintain a vehicle repair workshop at this place.
5. The unit is under the command of the engineer park at FÜRSTENWALDE and is regularly visited and inspected by a colonel and a senior lieutenant from this engineer park. Both officers wear black/blue shoulderboards. The lieutenant's name is SKURBANOWSKI (СКУРПАНОВСКИ).
6. The "Autobauhof" consisting of 4 guards and 84 German workers is commanded by a major assisted by a senior lieutenant, a Russian woman who acts as interpreter and a Russian woman who controls the output of the unit and sets the working-norms (TAN-Sachbearbeiterin i.e. Technische = Arbeits = Norm).
7. The "Bauhof" carries out repairs and painting of vehicles, pontoons and tractors for drawing pontoons (Pontonschlepper).
8. Delivery of vehicles and equipment for repair is almost entirely from the FÜRSTENWALDE area and only occasionally from further afield.

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Soviet Units at FUERSTENWALDE (12 Dec 56)

1. On 4 Dec 56, the engineer barracks at Gartenstr FUERSTENWALDE received a delivery of tank ammunition which contained explosive and incendiary filling. This type of ammunition had not previously been held by the unit in the engineer barracks.
2. The head of the administrative unit TROFIMOV (ASUCO) in FUERSTENWALDE - [redacted] is as at 12 Dec 56, (Colonel) TSCHUOV ((YOB)). This officer, who is aged about 40-45, wears black/red sbds. and golden shoulder straps. The unit repairs lorries and tractors and keeps a stock of spare parts for these vehicles.
3. Only artillery pieces and rocket launchers are repaired in the "KABEL" artillery depot. This type of equipment is frequently to be seen on the open ground near the depot. No other type of equipment has been seen there.

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