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1. During the Karlshorst meeting on the Moscow Conference, announcement was made that Soviet occupation officials set 30 June 1947 as the termination date for all contracts and agreements with German individuals and economic offices. This includes work by artists, scientists, and others. At present no work extensions are granted beyond 30 June 1947.
2. During the two weeks prior to 1 May 1947, rumors circulated throughout the Russian Zone that the Russians were withdrawing farther east. Source states that these rumors were based on the following:
 - a. Soviet commissary stores (Kommissions Läden) in Halle, Magdeburg, and various smaller cities, were directed to find new locations east of the Elbe before 30 June 1947.
 - b. Some Soviet officers (unlocated) have been ordered to send their families home before 30 June 1947.
 - c. The Oberbürgermeister in Halle was informed by the local Komendatura that after mid-summer the military-occupied section of the city again would be at the city's disposal. The Komendatura asked for a list of recommended anti-fascists to be housed in that area when it is vacated.

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