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4. Since the Soviets took over the Chemische Fabrik Neuber in Brunn on 2 August 1947, they have released no chemicals to Austrian industry, and the Austrians have been able to obtain almost no lacquer or dyes. [Redacted] Comment: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] this plant was seized between 17 and 24 July 1947.) All major concerns manufacturing these commodities are under Soviet control [Redacted]

5. The average monthly production of the Soviet-controlled Siemens-Schuckertwerke in Vienna is:

Factory I : 1200 electric motors, welding transformers, electric heaters, hot plates, hot water tanks, and other electrical equipment a total value of 3,500,000 schillings.

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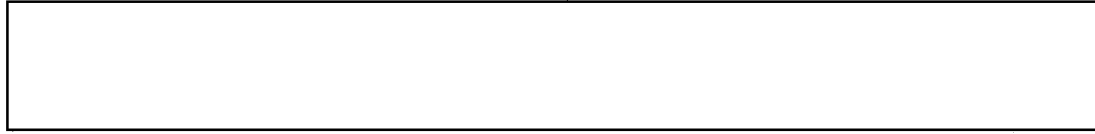
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Factory II: Electric cable of varying sizes to a total value of 2,500,000 schillings.



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It is believed that all products are transported to the USSR and satellite countries; since 1 August 1947, finished products have not been for sale to Austrians, nor have Austrians been able to get any electrical repair work done by the Siemens factories. Furthermore, all technical notes and name plates on finished products, firm names, and descriptions on the packing cases must be in Russian. The destination is not inscribed on the cases. Goods are shipped from the factories in Yuzhtrans trucks.

- 6. Representatives of the Siemens-Schuckert plants and other Soviet-controlled factories have reported that on 6 August 1947 the Russians announced they would not adhere strictly to the new Austrian wage-price law in the enterprises under their control, but would establish a more favorable system for these concerns. USIWA asked all employees in Soviet-administered enterprises to give themselves an efficiency norm, which would be used as a basis for efficiency bonuses to employees belonging to the Communist Party. *Comment:* This bonus system is apparently in line with the Soviet plan to attract to their enterprises as many skilled workers as possible, using high wages as the bait and the Communist Party as the hook. Similar plans disregarding Austrian attempts to stabilize the economy have been reported in effect in the Zistersdorf oil fields.)

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- 7. it was quite possible that the Siemens-Schuckert central offices and factory in Bezirk I, Vienna, would be taken over by Soviet authorities during the month of August.

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- a) The Soviets are now manufacturing ammunition in the former Munitionsfabrik, Hirtenberg. *Comment:* Gustloff-Werke, Otto Eberhardt Patronenfabrik Hirtenberg, Lower Austria.)

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- b) The Russians have completely closed off a part of the Berndorfer Metallwarenfabrik, employ only Russian experts and Austrian workers whose political reliability has been investigated, and are manufacturing special fuzes and other munitions for the Soviet Army. This section of the factory, which was built especially for the needs of the Luftwaffe, did not suffer any damage during the war.

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- c) In addition to rayon, the Glanzstoffabrik St. Poelten is manufacturing cellulose products similar to those used in connection with V-2 weapons.

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