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1. In mid-December the Forestry officials at Benneckenstein/Harz were ordered by the Russians to build blockhouses for Soviet frontier guards according to a plan showing blockhouses of the simplest kind to accommodate approximately six men.
2. Soviet frontier detachments are rumored to be assuming the commitments of the German Frontier Police in the Russian Zone with orders to seal off the western zones. The move of Soviet rifle units to the frontier is connected with this.
3. German Frontier Police in the Harz believe that Soviet troops will relieve them and that they will then form a second line behind the Soviet personnel.
4. Auxiliary police (Hilfspolizei) are now being introduced into the Russian Zone Police Force, which includes Frontier Police. These police appear to be ignorant of police matters, but are well schooled politically and sympathize at least with the left-wing of the SED. All those auxiliary police who have been thus inducted in the area Benneckenstein-Schierke-Blankenburg were in Russian PW camps for long periods. It is not clear whether they were members of Freies Deutschland but they call themselves "anti-facists".
5. German police, with whom these auxiliaries work, credit the latter with political tasks within the police. Russian officers who are detached for police work know these auxiliaries by name, although formerly they took no notice of the normal German police.
6. German police in the Harz consider the "Hilfspolizei" not as an armed force for the SED, but as trustworthy organs of the Russians. At present the Russian Zone police contains many disaffected persons.

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