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1. Dr. Melles, works manager of the Bunawerke, Schkopau, was informed early in May 1948 by the Soviet manager of the plant that the dismantled Bunawerke equipment was being sent to Oswiecim, Poland, and not to the USSR. It was hinted that the Poles would have to give the Soviet Government something in return. 50X1-HUM

Comment: There seems to be considerable support for the belief that the dismantled equipment is destined for Oswiecim. Oswiecim previously possessed a Buna plant, which was removed to the USSR.)

2. In addition to the new equipment which is being totally dismantled and which will account for a loss of 60 percent of overall production, part of the old equipment is also being dismantled. As far as the latter is concerned, the only thing which has been ascertained so far is the fact that the equipment for the initial carbide and acetaldehyde processes is being fully retained, whereas some of the equipment for the later processes is being dismantled. It is claimed that no machinery has, as yet, left Schkopau because of the shortage of crates, and that it is, in fact, still dumped in the yard adjoining the works. 50X1-HUM

3. According to the estimate [redacted] the actual production of synthetic rubber, after the completion of the above-described dismantling, would reach a maximum of 18,000 tons a year, provided that all the machinery left to cope with that production is undamaged and in good working condition. [redacted] in any case, spare parts for machinery are in short supply (to the extent of 12,000 tons), and that the production of phthalic acid will be hardest hit by the dismantling. 50X1-HUM

4. The modern thermal power station at Schkopau, the boilers of which generate 120 atmospheres, is due for dismantling. This cannot take place yet, however, as it would be impossible to re-erect it anywhere without installing approximately 50 meters of steel tubing for high-pressure conditions. This steel tubing is not available in the Soviet Zone.

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