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1. Dr. Ing. Fabinger* is General Director of the Czech Metallurgical Works. Ing. Alfons Polzer, a former Social Democrat, is Assistant General Director in charge of administration at Skoda and the Czech Metallurgical Works. He was administrative head of the Skoda Teheran office in 1938.
2. Ing. Rubeska, former Director of the Export Department, Technical Section, failed in his plan to expand the Skoda office in India, even though he had received the support of the Czech government. He had been preparing to go to India in order to head this newly enlarged office, when the Czech government directed that the expansion not take place. It was rumored that the Soviet Embassy in Prague had been responsible for this decision. A lawyer named Kleiner, who is with the Czech Construction Works in Prague, is also reported to have interfered with this plan and also with an agreement between the Czech Construction Works and Major Dewan Jernani Dass in Delhi, India, for the construction of two large dams in India, one in Kapurthala and the other in Patiala. Three non-Communist chief engineers at the Lanna Works (sic) had been assigned to the project. Among them was Dr. Jirousek who has studied dam construction in Switzerland in 1948. Major Dass is said to have been greatly disillusioned by the failure of this plan to materialize. This project was believed to be advantageous to both the Czech Construction Works and India because that country is planning the construction of about 31 large dams within the next 20 years. Ing. Rubeska and Ing. Fährich, who has probably returned to India, had been working on these construction plans.
3. The following persons are employed in the Skoda Works:**
 - a. Skrivanek: Assistant General Director, financial expert, and chief of the Skoda and Kovo economics departments.
 - b. Krasny: Director and chief of Department No. 1 (heavy machinery).
 - c. Mizera: Assistant to Director Krasny.
 - d. Ing. Petr (Department No. 1), anti-Communist.
 - e. Ing. Smeykal (Department No. 1), who had been assigned to Iran but had been unable to obtain an entry visa in April 1949; he is anti-Communist.

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- f. Ing. Linhart (Department No. 1), anti-Communist.
 - g. Ing. Kalina (Department No. 1), anti-Communist.
 - h. Ing. Obersal: Director and chief of Department 2 (lathes, etc.). He was recently sent to India to be chief of the Skoda Works there.
 - i. Bazika: Director and chief of Department 3 (radios, kitchen tools, washing machines, etc.; also products of Tesla, Mikrophona, and Praga).
 - j. Ing. Jarolinek: Director of Export Department. He is a Communist who is in good favor with the government and was reported to be en route to the United States. He succeeded Ing. Rubeska who, although still in the same department, has almost completely lost his executive powers.
 - k. Krejci, a director in the Export Department. In 1948 he was appointed to head the Skoda offices in Switzerland but he did not go because he did not inspire confidence.
 - l. Kriz: Chief of the Skoda foreign staff; is anti-Communist.
 - m. Zalud: a fanatical Communist who is stated to have replaced Krejci.
 - n. Ing. Dufek: Armament department.
 - o. Ing. Burianek: A director in the armament department at Plzen in 1938.
 - p. Ing. Zacharov: Armament department.
 - q. Sebek: Chief of Personnel.
4. The following employees of Skoda and Kovo are serving abroad:
- a. Ing. Marty: Director of Skoda at Bombay, India. He may have been replaced by one Obersal.
 - b. Ing. Leopold Matula. He was to be transferred from Bombay to Karachi, India, as chief of Skoda-Omnipol in July 1949.
 - c. Ing. Simovich: Chief of Skoda at Karachi since June 1948.
 - d. Joseph Zanda: Director of Skoda at Teheran, Iran.
 - e. Ing. Jiskra: A sugar factory specialist with Skoda at Beirut, Syria.
 - f. Ing. Kvitnický: A sugar factory specialist at Beirut.
 - g. Ing. Tykac: A sugar factory specialist at Beirut.
 - h. Demel: Director of Skoda at Kabul, Afghanistan; he is considered to be anti-Communist.
 - i. Ing. Krejci: A gun specialist with Skoda at Buenos Aires, Argentina, for several years.
 - k. Rudolph Czakrt: Director or representative of Skoda in Cairo, Egypt.
 - l. Turecek: Chief accountant of Skoda at Sao Paulo, Brazil.
 - m. Seyfettin Kayatürk: Skoda representative in Ankara, Turkey.
 - n. Ing. Buchtele: Skoda representative in Istanbul, Turkey.
 - o. Kadlec: Skoda worker in Istanbul.
 - p. Persain: Skoda worker in Istanbul.

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5. The principal tasks of the branch offices of Skoda are to acquire customers for Skoda products, to secure a sufficient number of specialists for the construction of factories and machinery sold abroad such as electric power stations, and to fulfill contracts.

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