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1. [] in June 1950, representatives of the IVDVP made a trip through Thuringia in order to look for suitable quarters for the Staatlicher Sicherheitsdienst (State Security Service) (SSD) of the German Democratic Republic, and for the former K-5 Section of the Soviet Zone Police. * []

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[] the Operations Division of the Soviet occupation forces was located with the SCC in Weimar (N 51/J 57). Leipzig (N 52/E 21) or Weimar was reported selected as the prospective seat of the SSD. A section of the former K-5 Department, Wilhelmsruh, has been transferred to Jueterbog (N 52/E 69), Klosterzinna (N 53/E 69) and Kirchhain (N 52/A 05). **

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2. [] as part of a reorganization program which has been under way for several months the SCC has shifted a number of important offices from Berlin-Karlshorst to Halle (N 52/D 92). In order to provide suitable space for the offices which have been transferred a great number of buildings and a considerable amount of necessary equipment allegedly have been confiscated in Halle. It is reported that plans have been made to transfer the entire headquarters of the Soviet occupation forces to Halle. It has been said that this transfer is being accomplished because the Soviet offices in the area of Berlin are too exposed to the intelligence gathering activities of the Western intelligence organizations operating from West Berlin. Both the MGB and the Razvodka Sovetskoi Armii (Intelligence Service of the Red Army) (RSA) are to be transferred or are perhaps already being shifted. Similarly, the government of the German Democratic Republic has begun to transfer important ministries from Berlin to Leipzig. For example, the Ministry of State Security and the Ministry of the Interior, in addition to some unidentified central administrative agencies, are said to have already been transferred to Leipzig. This

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tends to indicate that the future seat of the government of the German Democratic Republic may be Leipzig. The reasons for this measure reportedly are the same as those which influenced the Soviets.

3. On 19 April 1950, a man was arrested in Sebnitz by several police officials wearing civilian clothes. Two Russians in civilian clothes were allegedly in the group of these police officials. The officials together with the man arrested left the scene in two cars which had Thuringian licence plates. Two Soviet officials searched the house of the man arrested on 5 May 1950. It is known that the arrest as well as the house search was ordered by an office in Thuringia, probably in Weimar, Sebnitz on the other hand is located in Saxony.

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[REDACTED] the transfer of offices of the German Democratic Republic had been planned as early as December 1949. Though postponed a number of times this transfer will now be carried out. Wuhnke is reported to have good connections in the Land Brandenburg Ministry of the Interior.

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25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. The K-5 Department was the Secret Police of the Soviet Zone of Germany. Its missions were taken over by the Ministry for State Security and its organs.

25X1 ** [REDACTED] Comment. Hermann Rentsch was chief of the Hauptabteilung Grenzpolizei und Bereitschaften before the Bereitschaftspolizei was assigned to the Hauptverwaltung fuer Ausbildung (Training Department). No information is available on his present assignment.

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