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1. It was learned on 5 August 1950 that the information was given at a recent conference held at the SED office in the Soviet Zone Ministry of the Interior in Berlin, that the Volkspolizei would be converted into a Volkshcer (People's Army) after 15 October 1950, following the general elections. It was emphasized that this information was confidential. *

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* [Redacted] Comment. For all practical purposes the Boreitschaftspolizei is already an army and will probably be further increased in the fall of 1950. It is doubted that the organization will be designated Volkshcer in the near future because this would be too obvious a flouting of the Potsdam resolutions.

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