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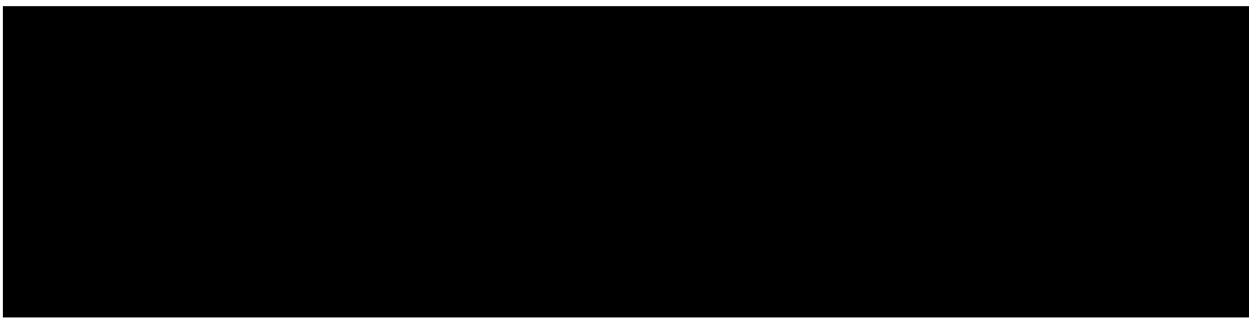
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25X1A 1. On [REDACTED] notice was taken of an official circular sent to the shop councils of the district by the Halle (M 52/D 92) labor office, dated 1 September 1950. In this circular the shop councils were called upon to report young men between the ages of 18 and 22 years to the labor office for service with the Volkspolizei. Besides quarters, board and clothing, an initial pay of 275 eastmarks was offered. Those who volunteered were also promised preferential promotion.

2. It was learned that a similar circular was sent out by the Bitterfeld (M 52/E 14) labor office.

25X1A 3. On [REDACTED] an ex-tank officer, who lives in Thuringia, said that he had received a letter from Hauptabteilung "P" (Department "P") of the VP Headquarters. In this letter, dated 1 September 1950 and signed by VP Kommandeur Zinkrebe, he was told to report immediately to the office in Berlin for service with the Volkspolizei. He was promised his former rank and a monthly salary of 600 eastmarks. \*

25X1A \* Comment. It is believed that the letter was sent by the Hauptabteilung Personal (Personnel Department) of the NVA (Main Administration for Training) and not by the Berlin VP Headquarters, since this headquarters does not include a Personnel department. A VP Kommandeur Ziegenhage is known to belong to the Personnel Department of the NVA. Perhaps his signature, which was not very legible, was mistaken for Zinkrebe.

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