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1. On 15 May 1952, a ministry, which was unofficially referred to as Ministry of National Defense and had a staff of about 50 experts, was established in the Ministry of the Interior. The number of employees of this new ministry was about 10 persons in mid-July, who worked on the third and fourth floors at 37-43 Glinka Strasse, Berlin-Mitte, in the building of the Ministry of the Interior. An additional building, the former Vereinigter Elektro - Maschinenbau (Union of Electrical Engineering and Machine Construction) (VEM) House at 57 and 60 Behren Strasse was taken over on 18 July, thus accommodations would be available for the total personnel which was scheduled to amount to 1,000 experts. [Redacted] 25X1
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know whether the new ministry would remain in these buildings, [Redacted] 25X1
that the new ministry was scheduled to remain within the framework of [Redacted] 25X1
offices of the Ministry of the Interior for cover purposes. *

2. The structural organization of the new ministry was not completed. Accordingly, there were changes in personnel and the entire organization was steadily increasing. The personnel employed at the new ministry included: Minister **Willi Stoph**, with secretary; **Rudolf Doelling**, VP Generalinspekteur, as chief of the main administration for political affairs; **Munschke** (fnu) as chief of the main administration for the cadre; and **Walter Allenstein** as chief of the main administration for finance. The main administration for finance included the sections for inspection and finance. The latter was headed by VP Kommandeur **Beckert** (fnu) who was charged with payment, budget, and financial operations. VP Rat **Urkansk** (fnu) and **Boehm** (fnu), both of the main administration for political affairs, were introduced at party meetings. **

3. On 17 July 1952, at a party meeting of employees of the Ministry of National Defense, Generalinspekteur **Doelling** made a speech in which he stated that the activation of national forces in Eastern Germany demanded special duties of the employees of the ministry. He said that they had to observe secrecy about their activities and were the elite of the growing Ministry of National Defense. He also stated that none of these employees were permitted to enter the western sector of Berlin and that all had to employ military terminology and diction. He added that most of them would soon receive uniforms and only a small number would continue wearing civilian clothing. *

[Redacted] Comment. The entire Volkspolizei including its military branches is under the control of the Ministry of the Interior. However, the development during recent months definitely indicates that so-called national forces will be established. It can therefore be expected that, at the opportune political moment, the military

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branches of the Volkspolizei will be separated from the control of the Interior Ministry and will be made part of a new office which is still to be established. It is quite possible that preparations are under way. The buildings of the VEM are near to the Ministry of the Interior.

25X1 * [redacted] Comment. Until early 1952, Willi Stoph, the present Minister of Interior, had been chief of the Office for Economic Problems in Eastern Germany, personal economic advisor to Minister President Otto Grotewohl and a member of the SED Central Committee. VP Generalinspekteur Doelling is known as chief of the department for politkultur of the HVA and as HVA deputy chief. Mausehke was chief of the cadre department in the SED Central Committee. Walter Allenstein is known as chief of a section in the Ministry of the Interior. VP Kommandeur Heckert was chief of the finance department in the Intendance Main Administration of the HVDVP.

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