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1. In late July 1952, the chief of the Main Economics Department of the Finance Ministry was summoned [Redacted] to report to the Air Volkspolizei, after previously being registered for the draft. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] the departmental chief mentioned above was asked to report to the office on 30 July 1952. He was directed to take the S-Bahn as far as the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station and then walk via Crossberliner Dam. [Redacted] the office concerned was in the area of Schoenefeld airfield. (1) There, [Redacted] was taken to one Herr Bartel (fnm) [Redacted] the inquiry made about him had been satisfactory and that he was earmarked for an administrative job with the new air force. He was also told that he need not worry about his salary because he would not get less than in his previous position. [Redacted] no official signs or stamps were to be seen at the office. Also Herr Bartel apparently had no official rank.

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2. About 4 p.m. on 2 August, seven boxcars loaded with bedsteads were shunted from the Berlin-Magerviehhof VP depot to Lichtenberg. [Redacted] three boxcars were consigned to the Air VPD in Bautzen and the remaining four cars to the Air VPD in Kamenz. (3)

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3. In late July, [Redacted] 1,000 to 1,200 men of the Air VPD were quartered in the northern section and part of the southern section of the Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz. The western part of the southern section was still occupied by about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (4) Two VP men armed with rifles were posted both at the gate on Machenstrasse and the tower in the northern section of the barracks installation. On 30 July, a van with mattresses stopped in front of No 36 Machenstrasse. Eight VP men, under the supervision of a Soviet officer, carried the mattresses into the house. [Redacted]

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4. placards observed in Kamenz indicated that athletic competitions were held by Air Volkspolizei and FDJ glider pilots on 2 and 3 August.
5. On 30 July, a brick wall was completed along the Kamenz-Zschornau road by Kamenz airfield. Two one-story barracks-like buildings were completed in the southern section of the field. They were surrounded by a board fence. Between 4 and 12 August, the wall along the western and northern field boundaries was nearing completion. Three brick buildings were observed in the southern section of the field. (5)

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[] Comments.

- (1) According to reliable reports, the main administration of the Air Volkspolizei is quartered in the reconstructed administrative buildings of the Berlin-Johannisthal airfield. The main entrance to the field is located on Gross-Botticher Damm. Since Schoenefeld airfield is located about 10 km south of Johannisthal airfield the reported route to the field is not correct. Therefore, it is believed that Schoenefeld and Johannisthal airfields were confused in the present report.
- (2) Bartel is known to be the chief of the cadre department of the Main Administration (Mr.).
- (3) This report contains the first indications of the existence of Air VP offices besides the main administration. Previously, no VPD was known to be located in Bautzen. However, it was repeatedly reported in connection with the HVA (Main Administration Training) that the Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz was occupied by Volkspolizei.
- (4) The Panzer Kaserne, formerly Albert Kaserne, is located at the northern exit of Kamenz, west of the road leading to Zschornau. The southern section of the barracks installation has been divided into two parts by a newly erected wall. Its western half was occupied by Soviet Army units and the eastern half by Volkspolizei. The northern section of the barracks installation had also been occupied by Soviet units which, according to another source, were transferred to Weissen, north of Dresden. From this it is inferred that the entire barracks installation will probably be occupied by the Kamenz Air VPD.
- (5) Kamenz airfield is located south of Zschornau, about 500 meters north-northeast of the Panzer Kaserne, east of the road to Zschornau. On 27 June 1952, reconstruction work started at the field. For latest report on status of field, see [] Reconditioning of the field is undoubtedly connected with the VPD Air in the Panzer Kaserne. Hence, it is believed that the VP unit will soon start air training activity at the field.

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