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COUNTRY: Germany (Russian Zone)
SUBJECT: Political Police Activity in Land Sachsen

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DATE OF INFORMATION: [Redacted]

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EVALUATION: [Redacted]

In September 1946 [Redacted] in Leipzig political police duties has been transferred in part to the municipal Hauptverwaltungsamt, Department 1D, and in part directly to the Criminal Police, to which the political police had previously been indirectly subordinate. Department 1D was reportedly directed by a Communist, KROBBERG, who, with his staff as well as several informants, kept up-to-date files on all persons in any way active in public life. Arrests ordered by the Department were carried out by the Criminal Police. The following information [Redacted]

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indicates this attempt to circumvent the Allied Control Council directive outlawing a German political police. Similar activity in Brandenburg Province [Redacted]

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1. Abteilung "B" of the Land Sachsen Criminal Police is actually a political police organization, which [Redacted] has been in the process of formation since the Russians first began to build up a new German police in Land Sachsen.

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2. [Redacted] the six top officials of Abteilung "B" belong to the KPD. One of them is the President of the Saxony Chamber of Crafts (Handwerk) in Dresden, BITZNER. Personnel of the organization consists exclusively of old German Communists who were Communist Party functionaries prior to 1933. [Redacted] the existence of the organization, its personnel and organizational breakdown are kept secret from the KPD, in order to use Abteilung "B" for enforcement of the KPD party line.

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