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1. It is reported that Professor Friedrich Moeglich, Berlin-Friedenau, Kaiserallee 79a (US Sector) is director of one department at the former Kaiser Wilhelm Institute (KWI) for brain research in Berlin-Buch. This department is working on solid bodies, luminous material and gas discharges. The former KWI is now controlled by the German Academy of Sciences, which in turn is controlled by the Russians through the SED.
2. Professor Moeglich, who is with the Physikalische-Chemische Institut of the University of Berlin, became a convert to communism after having been a good member of the Nazi party. He has a leading position at the Zentralverwaltung fuer Kultur u. Erziehung (Central Administration for Culture and Education). Along with Professor Rompe, he exerts a decisive influence on the academic life of the Russian Zone.
3. Professor Rompe himself acts in an advisory capacity at the former KWI in Buch, although he is not now actively partaking in any research there.
4. At the former KWI there is allegedly another department which comes under the direction of Professor Friedrich, formerly Director of the Institute for Radiation Research in Berlin, Luisenstrasse. This institute, destroyed during the war, was transferred to the former KWI in Buch. Professor Friedrich's department is supposed to be working on radiation research and the problems of directing and influencing biological processes.
5. Also working in Buch is, (or was), Professor Dr. Hans Nachtsheim, a specialist in eugenics, genetics, sex determination, and the mutation of hereditary traits. It is not quite clear whether Nachtsheim is working with Friedrich's department or whether he has his own department. (Recent information makes it doubtful that Nachtsheim is still at Buch).
6. It is reported that an institute for cancer research is to be opened at the former KWI in Buch. Credence is lent to this report by the appearance in Buch of Professor Lohmann, physiologist, and his assistant, Dr. Naegeler, who formerly worked with Professor Warburg, one of the foremost cancer research men.

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7. In the fall of 1947 Professor Rueskin, neurologist, formerly at the Charite Hospital, Berlin, Russian Sector, was contacted by the Russians who invited him to open a research department in Buch. This department was to devote itself to the study of action processes of the brain, the measuring of brain waves and vibrations by means of electrodes, the graphic charting of the actions and reactions of the brain. The Russians promised Professor Rueskin to equip his department with the latest apparatus and instruments and apparently intended not to spare any money or effort. Then suddenly the Russians broke off negotiations, reportedly because they considered Professor Rueskin too far incriminated politically, since Rueskin had been a member of the SS. Another more probable explanation is that the Russians had become suspicious of Rueskin's western connections and his frequent trips to the west. Rueskin, although he still lived at the Charite, was not permitted to work there because of his political past. His trips to the west were made for the purpose of looking around for a suitable position. Later Rueskin received a good offer from the Yugoslavs to fill a position at a clinic in Belgrade but refused.
8. Other scientists working at Berlin-Buch are the following:
- Dr. Fassbender, cadmium sulphide specialist;
  - Herr Stein, reportedly a very capable man and close friend of Professor Rompe;
  - Dr. Ernst Ruska, from the former Institute for Electronic Microscopes, also a very capable man, connected with Siemens and now believed to have accepted a chair at the Technical University, British Sector;
  - Dr. Helmut Ruska, medical man who is spending his entire time at Buch;
  - Dr. Ritschl, whose main job seems to be the construction of apparatus for physicists' work and who has his own small institute in Carow, same neighborhood;
  - Professor Schreiber, assistant to Friedrich; he is reported to be a capable man;
  - Herr Drechsler, very definite SED man who works under Lohmann;
  - Herr Hannemann, physicist, who works on brain research also in connection with Professor Schreiber, mentioned above.

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