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1. The Büro für Wirtschaftsfragen beim Ministerpräsidenten (BfW) has been set up as a procurement agency for the HVA, the HVdVP, the HVS, and the HVL. It will be the duty of the BfW to conceal from the German public and industrial workers to the greatest possible extent the fact that these paramilitary organizations are receiving military equipment.
2. The office building of the BfW is located at 5 Schnellerstrasse, Berlin-Niederschönevide. At present the only telephone number is Berlin 631619.
3. The BfW is headed by Willi Stoph (ex-member of the SED/ZK and a fanatical communist), who is reputed to have the rank of state secretary; he signs his letters as "Leiter des Büros für Wirtschaftsfragen".
4. The Büro is divided into three Hauptabteilungen, each of which is in turn subdivided into various Abteilungen.
  - a. H/Abt. I - headed by Herr Kramer (fnu). Its functions are unknown to source.
  - b. H/Abt. II - headed by Herr Reschler, formerly with Abt. Steine und Erden, Ministry of (Heavy?) Industry, DDR. He is a qualified building engineer.
    - Abt. 1 - no information
    - Abt. 2 - known as Abteilung Funk; deals with signal equipment; is headed by Herr Lebrecht, formerly of the DDR Patent Office.
    - Abt. 3 - known as Abteilung Kraftfahrzeuge; deals with all forms of engines and vehicles, including boats; is headed by Robert Hoffmann, formerly with HVA.
  - c. H/Abt. III - headed by Herr Müller, formerly with the HVL. Staff members include Herr Eiseler and Herr Zibel, both of whom were formerly on the HVL headquarters staff. The Hauptabteilung deals with aircraft matters.
5. New employees are appearing daily, but the BfW will probably not be fully staffed until May. Meanwhile those present are constantly reminded by Stoph that they must

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conduct their work with the greatest secrecy and must not even discuss their work with other departments of the Büro.

6. When fully functioning, the Büro will examine requirements submitted by the HVA, the HVDVP, the HVS, and the HVL, and when these requirements are approved by Stoph orders will be forwarded to selected firms in the DDR. Officials from the Büro will constantly have to inspect factory premises to ensure the suitability of the plant to deal with each order, and to supervise the ways in which the orders are being filled.

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