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Available at the CIA Library are copies of the following documents concerning consumer goods (Massenbedarfsgueter) production in enterprises under the Ministry for Machine Construction:

1. A letter from the Consumer Goods Commission of the Ministry to the heads of the Main Administrations, concerning instructions for consumer-goods production based on the protocol of the Kollegium, dated 14 March 1955. The letter emphasizes that firms must economize in the use of materials in the production of consumer goods. (1 page)
2. A letter from the Consumer Goods Commission to the VEB plant directors, outlining the main points of the consumer-goods production program. (2 pages)
3. A report by the Main Administration for Light Machine Construction (HV Leichtmaschinenbau) on the work of the Consumer Goods Commission. (4 pages)
4. A memorandum from HV Leichtmaschinenbau, dated 24 February 1955, on the work plan of the Consumer Goods Commission for the first quarter of 1955, to insure the fulfillment of the consumer-goods production plant. The work plan includes biweekly meetings of the Commission, weekly visits by two members of the Commission to enterprises, careful scrutiny of monthly enterprises reports, a thorough inspection of two (not identified) enterprises of the Main Administration to lower production costs of consumer goods, and prior to the end of the first quarter, to test at least five articles, in conjunction with technical experts, to improve their classification. (1 page)

Attachment available at the CIA Library (4 documents in German)

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