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1. [redacted] Voice of America occasionally in Moscow. At times the broadcasts can be heard; at others, they are blotted out by jamming. Transmissions are much easier to pick up about 35 kilometers outside of Moscow. Reception is much better when German rather than American or Soviet vacuum tubes are used in the radio set.
2. [redacted] which organization controls jamming, [redacted] that it is a civilian one and believes that there is probably some MVD control.¹ Jamming equipment is designed by engineers of the Committee of Radio Direction Finding and Radio Information of the Council of Ministers.² One engineer received a Stalin Prize in approximately 1949 for the design of the equipment. [redacted] it appears [redacted] all measures are being taken to prevent the hearing of the VOA broadcasts.
3. Prior to World War II, it was possible in the Soviet Union to find handbooks giving information on all of the radio stations of the world, including call letters and hours of operation. Now it is not possible for the general public to find these books, although they may still be used by officials in the Communications Institute.

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1. [redacted] jamming is the responsibility of special units of the Soviet Army Signal Troops and that attached to these units are representatives of the First Chief Directorate of the MVD.
2. [redacted] The Moscow Telephone Directory lists a Committee on Radio Information.

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