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1. Attached is a Department B report prepared from materials. This is a most interesting and, if true, significant report, on which Headquarters and Berlin's comments and evaluations are requested.
2. A complete translation is attached.

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During Paul de Koff's recent visit in March and April 1957 to
Prague, Czechoslovakia, he had considerable contact with the German,
PAUL DE KOFF, who, according to de KOFF, was the 1st district
secretary in Leipzig. DE KOFF supposedly told the following story
to Paul:

A member of the Koff family who is a director of the Koff Werke,
visited the Leipzig Werke and, according to DE KOFF, "we" extended
an invitation which he accepted to join us in a meal. (DE KOFF's
comment: It is not certain who is meant by "we"). When asked what
the purpose of his trip was, DE KOFF answered that he was looking for
work. (DE KOFF's comment: presumably, looking for orders). DE KOFF
certainly couldn't say that he had enough work to do for the German
Army, for he received only very unimportant orders since the bulk of
the materiel for the German Army was being delivered from the United
States. DE KOFF had no trust in the continued existence of present day
competition. He supposedly stated that he was convinced of the
eventual victory of communism; if only he could see that Germany would last
throughout his life time. DE KOFF further, according to DE KOFF, one
could not talk -- as a manager -- one is in the USA -- of control by
the German capitalists. There was a complete occupation regime; all
profits went to the United States. Only those industries who
collaborated with the United States were given privileges; the remain-
der, the old West German manufacturers, had difficulty in surviving.

DE KOFF had plans in the near future to have some of his factory installa-
tions delivered to China. As a result of these plans, contracts
allegedly were drawn up to give the appearance that Koff's materiel
was being delivered to the USA, but actually it would be forwarded on
to China.

SYNOPSIS: DE KOFF is almost certainly identical with
Paul DE KOFF (born 3-2-'39), since 1952 1st Secretary of the G.D.
"Bezirksleitung" in Leipzig, and since 1954 "Candidate member" of the
Central Committee of the G.D.