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Meetings with Wilhelm Pieck, Walter Ulbricht, Otto Grotewobl, Fred Oelsner, and Stalin

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Summary:

Stalin and a delegation of German officials discuss aspects of German economic and military needs, in order to discuss how the Soviet Union can assist them.

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German

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Translation - English

Meetings on 4.1&7.1952 [Wilhelm Pieck, Walter Ulbricht, Otto Grotewobl, Fred Oelsner, Stalin] 1. Meeting on 4 .1 .1952 - 21.00 - 23.07 hours in Moscow Police - Armament Law [Recht] not utilized Create people's army - without noise Pacifist period is over SAG [Soviet stock companies] companies - sell half Half of the profits payment half in Mark н н Goods Grotewohl Do not lead through ministries alone 5 proposals - pour 25,000 t pig iron II a[nd] III quality seamless pipes - 14,000 t Economy/ 2.5 Mill[ion] rolling mill check crude sheet metal unequal distribution Sell Neptun Lead 7,000 t Copper 10,000 t Combine Cotton 8,000 t **Building machines** Mines Kombein [?] credit 1953 Lecturers - Uni - Party schools Army - 8 military districts 9-10 army corps - 30 divis[ions] - 300,000 Training in SU Youth service - pre-milit[ary] education Begin with civilian org. Company security FDJ has to learn how to shoot Submarine service Train pilots Infantry - divisions Equipment Carry out trials - M. review 7 verdicts no pacifism Fill yourself with fighting spirit, we will help you.

Final meeting on 4.7 - 22.05 - 23.20 hours in Moscow

St[alin]: so far all proposals rejected Situation: no compromises Creation European army - not against SU, but for power in Europe

Atlantic pact - independent state in the West Demarcation line dangerous border 1st line German (Stasi), behind them Soviet soldiers We have to count with terrorist acts.

Defense:

Re-establish the liquidated Soviet headquarters 3000 Armaments have to be produced, immediately Russian rifles with ammunition. Military training for inf1antry], navy, air force, submarines, tanks - artillery will be donated also division of fighter planes [Jägerdivision] Hoffmann - 24 units [Abt.] - 58,000 Not militia, but trained army. All without noise, but steadfast

Village:

Also creation of production-cooperatives in the village, in order to encircle large farmers. Begin skillfully in the fall. Create examples - privileges seed material, machines. Instructors available. Do not force anybodv. Do not yell collective farms - socialism Create facts. At the beginning the deed. - Road to socialism - state prod[uction] is socialist.

Better pay for engineers 1:1.7 2-3 x more than workers

Home 11-12,000 Rbl. to university graduates [Akademiker] pay qualified workers better than unqualified

Theses not dealt with Party not dealt with Party conference KPD Economic conference Unity, Peace treaty - continue to agitate