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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.

**Original Language:**

German

**Contents:**

Translation - English

Meetings on 4.1&7.1952

[Wilhelm Pieck, Walter Ulbricht, Otto Grotewohl, 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

" " 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 infantry], 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 anybody.

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