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Living and Working Conditions of Leuna Personnel in Dzerzhinsk from 1946 to 1949

1. Although a few Leuna scientists live in the hotel in Igumnovo (approximately 56°16'N - 43°35'E), the majority of them live in a large newly built (1947) block of small flats in Dzerzhinsk (56°15'N - 43°24'E).
2. The following scientists are known to be living at these addresses in the large block in Dzerzhinsk:  
[Redacted]
3. [Redacted] who suffered from gall-trouble, was offered a six weeks' cure on the Black Sea. Fearing that he might not return, he refused the offer.
4. The scientists receive from 5000 to 9000 rubles a month, whereas Soviet workers get an average of only 300 rubles a month. The food situation has improved; food is obtainable on the free market. Textiles and clothes are very expensive.
5. Beginning in 1949, the scientists' children have been going to a Soviet school, where they are required to learn Russian.
6. All scientists in the Dzerzhinsk area are allowed to move about freely and often use the Dzerzhinsk-Igumnovo train to get to their place of work. Whenever the political situation is tense, however, (e.g. at the time of the Berlin crisis or the Four-Power Conference) the scientists are escorted by armed guards wherever they go.

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7. Airmail letters from Austria to Dzerzhinsk take an average of 15-25 days. Often a month's mail is accumulated before it is delivered to the scientists. A telegram from Austria to Dzerzhinsk and return takes 36 hours.
8. When the Leuna Werke machinery was being unloaded at Zavodstroi, the Leuna scientists who were standing by were dismayed by the state in which the machinery arrived. They estimated that it would take at least 5 years to reconstruct the plant as it had been in Germany. Part of the machinery was to be installed at Zavod Yava.

Leuna Personnel in Dzerzhinsk, Spring 1947

9. All Leuna personnel employed in the Dzerzhinsk area in the spring of 1947 were allowed to move about freely and frequently went to Gorki by train.
10. On a Sunday in the beginning of 1947, [redacted] two young engineers<sup>25X1</sup> decided to visit their colleagues in Moscow. They intended to go by train and return the same day. Upon arriving in Moscow, however, they were arrested and promptly escorted back to Dzerzhinsk.
11. As a result of this incident, none of the scientists was even allowed to go as far as Gorki without special permission.

German Scientists in the Voroshilovgrad Area, April 1949

12. A group of German chemists and engineers (not Leuna personnel) are employed a few kilometers from Lis-Khimstroi, Lisichansk, in the Voroshilovgrad area (48°34'N - 39°20'E).
13. They frequently come in contact with the small group of Leuna specialists working at Lis-Khimstroi.\*

[redacted] Comment:

- \* This is undoubtedly the correct name for the "Lichinstroi" referred to in [redacted] paragraph 1.

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