

B.I.O.S. Investigations:

(C.I.O.S. Group - 3 - Co-Chairman, Sir Hugh Beaver, Ministry of Works)

Notes on Proposed visit to Germany to investigate technical developments in the Heavy Clay and Refractories Industries.

1. Members of Team:

G.H. Hudson, - Hatherware, Ltd.,	Nominated by National Federation
S.B. Stedham - Western Counties Brick Co., Ltd., of Clay Industries	
B. Butterworth - D.S.I.R., Building Research Station,	
E. Rowden, } - British Refractories Research Association,	
H.H. Tracy } - Ministry of Works (Directorate of Building Materials)	
A. Miller - Ministry of Works (Directorate of Building Materials)	
E. Looney - Ministry of Works - Interpreter.	

2. Itinerary:

List HW/2363/1 is a summary of the specific targets which form the basis for nomination of the team to B.I.O.S.

It is understood that the team will report to the Military zone Headquarters before proceeding to visit targets in the zone. The targets for this visit are in the BR, U.S. and FR zones and it is suggested that the BR zone should be covered first. In this case the team would report probably to Capt. Hughes at HQ. 21st Army Group (at Bad Oeynhausen, Nr. Hanover), then cover targets in the British zone after which it would report probably to Lt. Col. Lightfoot PIAT MAIN in Frankfurt before visiting targets in the US and FR zones.

It is not known whether it will be possible to visit targets in Berlin.

When in Frankfurt the team leader should try to contact Mr. R.D. Parrington, Director General of Building of the British Section of the Allied Control Commission. His address is Production Control Agency, (British Element) Building Industries Branch, C/o. UNRRA, A.P.O. 757, Frankfurt-on-Main, Telephone Savannah 3651-3652, Ext. 55.

3. Nature of Investigation:

In view of the uncertainty as to the present condition of the specified targets it is suggested that the visit should be of an exploratory nature with the object of obtaining as much information as possible in the time available by ~~interrogation of~~ targets, enquiry through military channels at Army Group H.Q. and by interrogation of German technical personnel. From the report submitted by the ~~team~~ will be decided whether parties of investigators should be sent out to obtain ~~more~~ detailed information of specific objectives.

4. Personal Targets:

A list of the specified personal targets required for interrogation has been sent to C.I.O.S. Secretariat and it is understood that G-2 PIAT (Field Intelligence Agencies Technical) have been asked to submit any further information on record of this German personnel. If this information is not received before departure of the team it is suggested that the team leader should institute enquiries at Army Group H.Q. on arrival in Germany.

These personal targets are :-

Professor Dr. K. Eital,
Dr. Hirsch,
Dr. K. Radell,
Fritz Scheubler.

Documents:

M.O.W. will provide the team leader with:-

- (a) A summary list of the targets,
- (b) A copy of the official pro-forma for each target showing all available information of the targets.

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- (c) A map of Western Germany scale 1" = 24 miles with the approximate location of the targets marked.
- (d) A copy of the "German Economic Survey Handbook - Housing, Building etc." This contains useful information of the production of bricks, tiles etc., in Germany.
- (e) A copy of CIOS 37 (an instruction to field teams) 21.2.45.
- (f) A copy of CIOS document "Instructions to Leaders and members of Investigating Team," with CIOS 63 - "Instruction for preparation of Team Reports."

6. Type of Information Required:

This is indicated on the pro-forma of each specific target listed for investigation and similar information should be obtained for any targets of opportunity that may be encountered.

7. Reports:

British members of the team will be requisitioned temporarily to the staff of the Central Commission for Germany (British Element) and are bound by the Official Secrets Act. A joint report of the investigations will be submitted by the team to the Ministry of Works and the report will be reproduced by M.I.C. Ministry of Works is responsible Agency for issuing copies of the reports to the interests concerned.

8. Evacuation of documents, samples etc.,

Where considered desirable, arrangements for evacuating to this country copies of drawings, documents, samples of material etc., should be made through the recognised CIOS channels.

9. Information for Codes of Practice Committee:

The Committee has suggested that information which would be useful to them might be found in Germany and that visiting teams should, if possible obtain copies of German Codes and any cognate documents.

10. Use of Manufactured Products:

The R.I.P.E., has suggested that teams when making inquiries in regard to the manufacture and production of materials should obtain if possible possible detailed target lists of actual buildings etc., where high quality application of the products can be seen. This is considered to be very important in connection with arrangements for future visits of architects, contractors, etc., on subjects dealing with the use of the products.

11. Targets relating to other Building Subjects:

Any detailed information which can be obtained regarding specific targets for investigation of other building material and construction subjects will be extremely useful in connection with visits which are being planned. Various technical and industrial bodies have suggested subjects on which information is required but for which no reliable target data exists in this country.

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