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The Records Management of the Party Control Commission, 1934–1952

Annotation

The article analyzes the arrangement of the Party Control Commission's records management (from 1934 till 1952) — one of the largest structures of the Party Central Committee for the period under review. The source materials of this research are deposited in the Russian State Archive of Contemporary History and the Russian State Archive of Socio-Political History (Moscow). Most of them are first revealed and displayed. The goal of the research is to identify the features of the Commission's records management. Researched the arrangement of document's workflow and documenting of the main Commission's divisions — Bureau, Party Collegium, plenipotentiaries' staff, working with incoming, outgoing correspondence, regulation of classified records management. Particular attention was paid to the protocoling records management of the Bureau and the Party Collegium, at the same time work with the correspondence, monitoring of internal documents' workflow were insufficiently settled. This resulted from the constant growth of documents, lack of staff, territorial disconnectedness, and poor organization of internal control over the documents flow. We presumed that a state of the internal control, including control of documents flow, in many ways determines the effectiveness of the external control (the primary activity of the Commission), thus the obtained research findings can be useful for better understanding whole the Commission's activities of controlling over Party's decisions fulfillment.

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