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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

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INSTALLATION: Ahtme Shale Distillation Plant
LOCATION: Ahtme, Estonia, USSR
B.E. NUMBER: None listed*
WAC NO: 153

BRIEF NO.: B22-56
DATE: 12 September 1956
LAT.: 59° 19' N
LONG.: 27° 28' E

25X1A

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PHOTO DATA:

REFERENCES:

Target Mosaic: None
Map: Estonia 1:50,000 Johvi Sheet 4236IV Series N753
Other: None

ENCLOSURES: None

REMARKS:

The Ahtme Shale Distillation Plant is a compact unit situated 3.7 statute miles (sm) SE of Johvi. It includes a shale treatment building, a power plant, two water-cooling towers, a water tank, a retort unit, two waste dumps, and a large sludge pond. The overall plant area measures 2500'x 1900'. Five buildings in the main operations area are still under construction.

Transportation is provided by a single-track railroad and a main road that extends southward from Johvi through the plant complex. A modern, newly-constructed residential area is located approximately two (sm) west of the plant site. The area measures about 3400' by 1800', and includes both single- and multiple-story dwellings.

Provision for shale-ash disposal is noticeably lacking at Ahtme, although there are prominent ash dumps at Kivioli, Kohtla-Jarve, and Slantsy. (See B-19, B-20, and B-21, respectively.)

The retorting unit appears to be idle, but the power plant is in full operation.

A detailed report on this installation will be issued at a later date.

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