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The Leninogorsk Lead Plant is located at the site of the Ridder lead and zinc deposits in northeastern Kazakhstan, approximately 150 miles east of Semipalatinsk. It is reportedly integrated with the Ust Kamenogorsk Lead and Zinc combine, approximately 60 rail miles to the southwest, and the Glubokoye Copper and Lead Works "Irtysh", approximately 80 rail miles to the west. There is no photographic evidence of recent plant expansion. The lead-zinc ore is concentrated at an ore dressing plant at the Ridder mine, then transported by narrow-gauge railroad to the Lead Plant.

The Lead Plant has facilities for fine-grinding and screening of the concentrates, sintering, blast furnace smelting, and fire refining. The fire-refined lead reportedly is cast into bar shapes and sent to Ust Kamenogorsk for further processing. Zinc is derived as a by-product, along withgold, silver, and other precious metals.

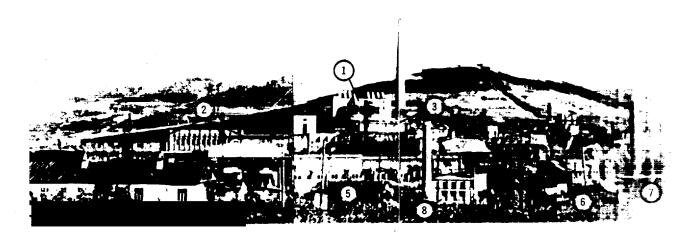
Major components of the Leninogorsk Lead Plant are identified on the following page and annotated on the aerial and ground photographs, Figure 1. The location of the Lead Plant in relation to the Ridder mine and the ore dressing plant is shown on Figure 2.

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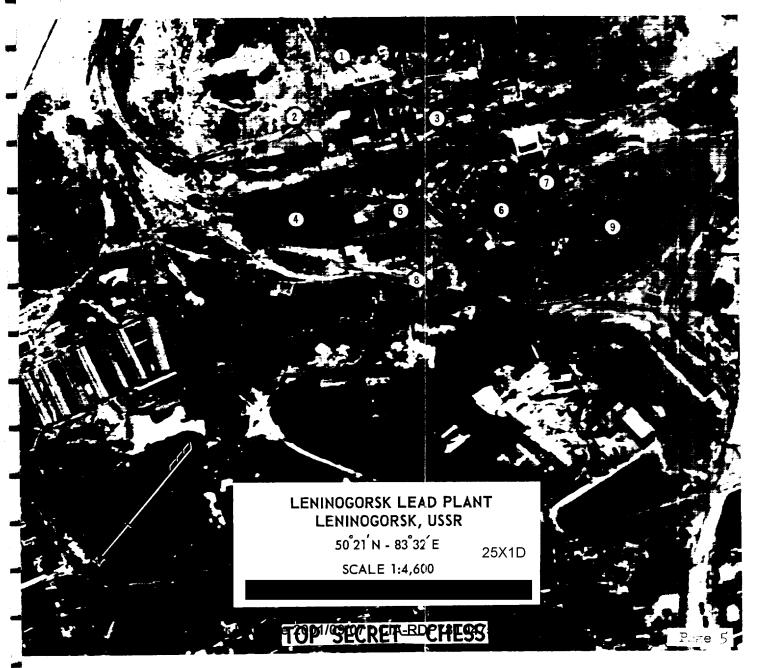
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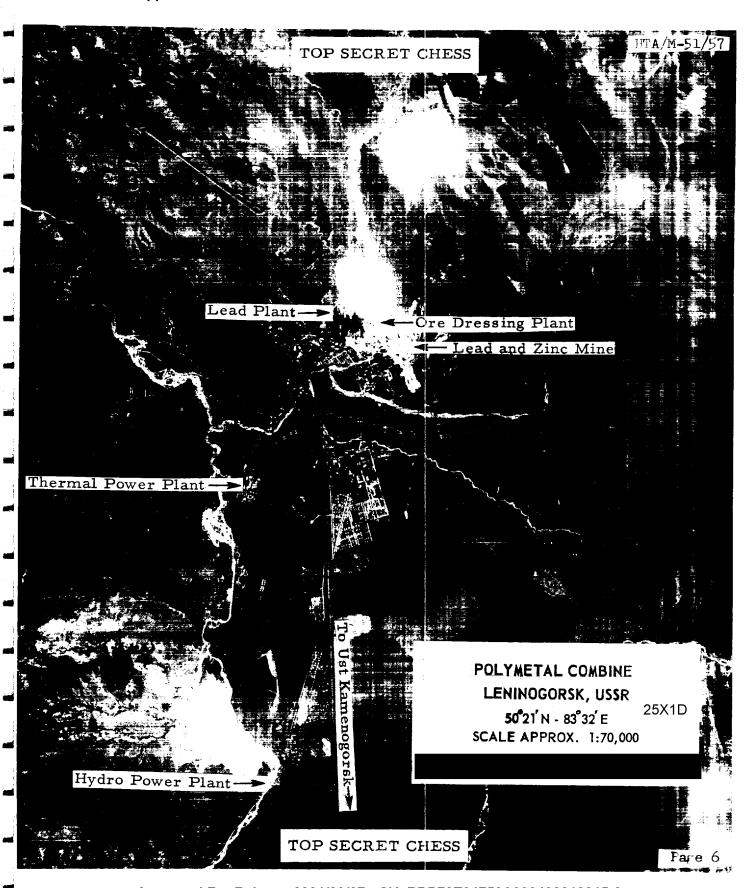
- 1. Cottrell Treater, $125' \times 50'$, connected by flue to sintering building.
- 2. Ore and flux storage and preparation buildings, $150' \times 75' 140' \times 60'$, and $100' \times 50'$, connected to sintering building by conveyer system.
- 3. Sintering building.
- 4. Coal storage area.
- 5. Lead refinery, $260' \times 90'$.
- 6. Blast furnace building, 225' long.
- 7. Baghouse, 100' x 70', connected by flue to blast furnace building.
- 8. Probable gas or steam plant.
- 9. Slag dump. Ground activity indicates that slag is being removed and reworked.

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REQUIREMENT: Prepared in answer to RR/HTA/E/R42/57 requesting description and layout of the Leninogorsk Lead Plant, including any evidence of plant expansion.

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