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This report is submitted in answer to a request from OSI/Ad to supply information on The All-Union Institute of Experimental Medicine (VIEM). The latest available aerial photography is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The photo analysis made of the reported location of the Institute includes two film positive overlays, and a photograph which are attached to this report.

Positive location of the Institute is not possible from a study of aerial photographs. However, two areas are identified as the probable areas of The All-Union Institute of Experimental Medicine (VIEM) and associated institutes which were to be constructed in the Serobryansk Base. The characteristics and layout of the larger buildings in the two areas are similar to those of some large U. S. research or medical institutions. This is particular true in area "A".

Both areas have the appearance of large construction projects arrested in an early stage of development. Several large buildings are partially completed with no indication of further work during the period of aerial coverage in [REDACTED]. Streets were laid out but not completed. Ditches for probable water mains in area "B" were present throughout the aerial coverage. Many of the smaller buildings in areas "A" and "B" have the appearance of storage sheds and work shops probably of a temporary nature.

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There was no indication of any significant constructional activity during the period of aerial coverage. A few small storage type buildings were constructed in the depot, storage, and barrack areas.

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The area is served by rail spurs and sidings. While the street system is not well developed, all areas are accessible to motor vehicles. Availability of public utilities cannot be determined.

Various barracks, storage, and depot areas are identified by the characteristics of the buildings and associated features.

A more detailed analysis of the area under study is presented below. The numbers and letters are keyed to the transparent overlays and aerial photograph. Figures are probably accurate. [REDACTED]

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Area A. This area best fits the description as to the probable location of the major portion of The All-Union Institute of Experimental Medicine (VIEM). Buildings 1 through 9 are located within this area and are described below:

1. Probable animal research building, 195' x 100'. Seven probable exercise pens are adjacent to this building.
2. Six story administrative type building, 340' x 40', under construction; basic construction appears near completion.
3. Six story administrative type building, 260' x 40', under construction; basic construction appears near completion.
4. Four story administrative type building, 290' x 60', with an attached wing, 105' x 60'.
5. Two quonset type buildings, 210' x 50', two quonset type buildings, 80' x 50', and a connecting wing, 300' x 45', are within a walled compound.

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6. Possible heating plant, 65' x 50'.
7. Two buildings, 215' x 40', wings total 400' x 40'.
8. Three story administrative type building, 205' x 65', with a wing, 125' x 65'.
9. 150' x 45' building under construction; foundation and walls are partially completed.

There are approximately twenty five additional smaller buildings in Area A.

Area B. Area B may represent a portion of The All-Union Institute for Experimental Medicine (VIEK). More likely it represents other institutes planned for the Serebrayana Bora. Reports indicate that Area B may be used for work in atomic energy. There are no indications of activity of this nature on World War II aerial photographs examined. This, of course, does not preclude the development of the area for this purpose after [REDACTED] Buildings 11 through 20 are located in this area and are described below:

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11. Six story administrative type building, 510' x 30', wings total 280' x 35', under construction; construction appears near complete.
12. Six story administrative type building, 270' x 35', with 130' x 55' wing.
13. Two story theater type building, 165' x 80'.
14. 270' x 145' building with 110' x 95' wing. Building is under construction; walls appear completed.

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15. Two story building, 420' x 75'.
16. 200' x 45' building with twelve foot diameter stack, probable heating plant.
17. 160' x 70' building with three pole masts, possible radio aeriels.
18. 200' x 35' building with a wing, 125' x 76'.
19. 170' x 35' building with a wing, 245' x 35', forming a T.
20. 170' x 45' building.

There are approximately twenty five smaller buildings in area B.

Area C. Area C is identified as a housing area composed of approximately seventy five buildings ranging in size from an eight story building, 350' x 50', (building 10) to small one story buildings less than 25' x 25'. Building 10 is of particular interest for it is very likely the building located at 33 Shchukinskaya Ulitsa which is listed in the Moscow telephone directory of 1943 as the address of The Central Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology (TIRM).

Area D. Probable workers quarters.

Area E. Barracks.

Area F. Primarily storage type buildings associated with the railroad siding.

Area G. Probable workers quarters.

Area H. Storage area.

Area J. Depot area.

Buildings 22 and 23 may be associated with the development in the Serobrayana Bora. The buildings are described below.

22. Six story administrative type building, 450' x 35', with

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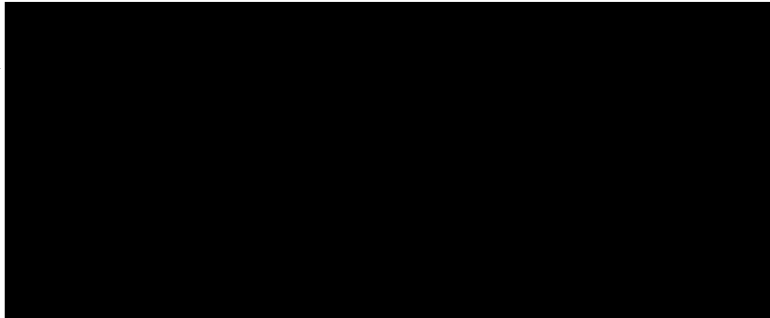
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wings 200' x 25' and 110' x 35'.

23. Six story administrative type building, 325' x 45', with
a wing 90' x 70'.

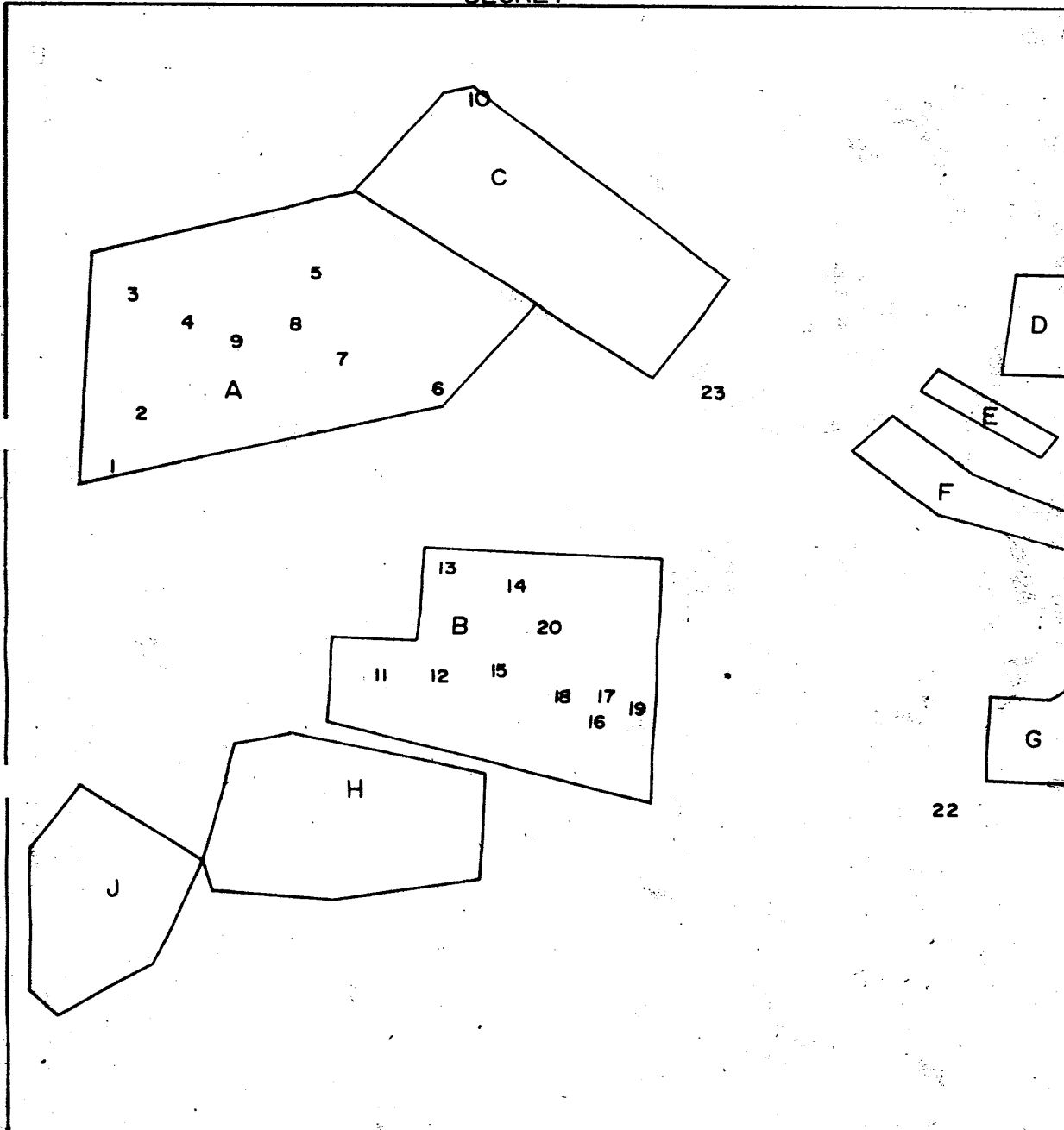
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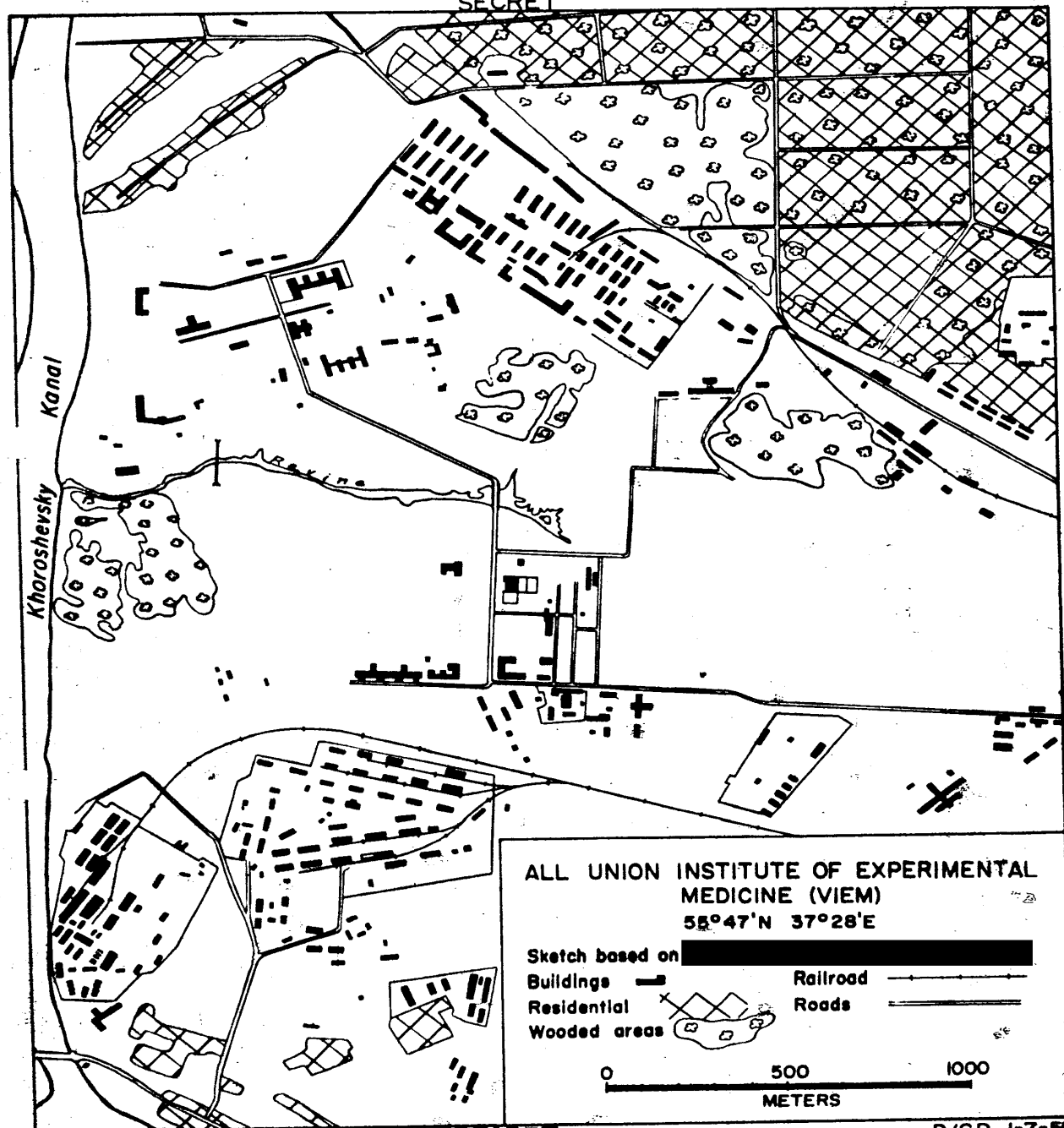
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