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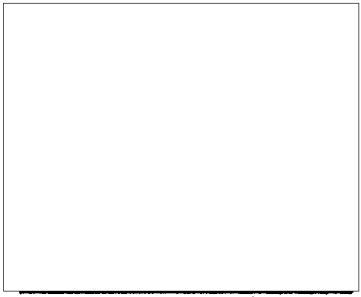
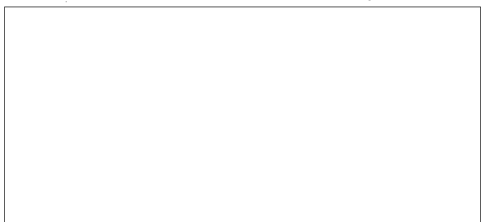
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1. [Redacted]
2. "The Bruntal State Farm belongs to the State Farms Inspectorate at Olomouc.
3. "It is situated in hills which used to be famous for pastures and which supplied the whole region with dry fodder. After 1946, when most pastures lay fallow, Pasture Cooperatives and later State Farms were established. When the Communists came in power in 1948 they tried to turn the pastures into fields, although they were not suitable for growing grain. Regardless, the Inspectorate forwarded to the Directorate of the Bruntal State Farm a schedule of animal and agricultural production. New crops were introduced-sugar beet, flax etc. at the cost of clover. Thus the fodder supplies were seriously endangered. The results of the new policy became apparent in the following year. In 1952 the supply of hay was so small that it could hardly last till mid-January 1953. Consequently the milking capacity of the cows was considerably reduced. Some cows did not produce more than 0.5 liters at one milking. Haymaking has become completely disorganized. Hay is stored in sheds, sometimes only partly dry, and nobody cares for it any more. Many employees take large quantities of it home, for their rabbits.
4. "The Directorate of the State Farm at Bruntal is located at Stalinova Street. The Director is Bohuslav PRIKRYL [Redacted] The cadre official is Stanislav PRIKRYL, whose hobby is to punish and fine employees. The Agrotechnician is (fnu) VACULIK.

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Farm Units

- a. BRUNTAL: approximately 40 hectares grows flax, peas, cabbage, carrots, poppy seeds, all kinds of grain. Also flower and vegetable gardens.

Livestock-300 cows and oxen, two bulls, 300 pigs, 14 horses. Agricultural machinery-five tractors (two Skoda, one Zetor-15, one Zetor-25 and one Bulldozer), three binding machines, 10 harvesting machines.

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Machinery shed, cowsheds and stables are situated in the town, in the former garages on Anglicka Road. There are three cowsheds there. A new pigsty was erected in 1952 at the site of the brickyard which was closed down. All equipment was taken away and the boiler-house was turned into silos and drying rooms.

There are about 30 to 40 full-time employees in this farming unit. The majority are 're-emigrants' from Hungary.

At the end of November 1952 two Slovak families arrived. It was obvious from what they said that they were brought there by force.

The pig-feeder. (fnu) KLOBOUK, [redacted]

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[redacted] On 1 Jan 53 he received a special reward for his work, 10,000 crowns.

The 1952 harvest was poor and supplies of fodder, hay and barley were exhausted by the end of January 1953. About six hectares of potatoes were left in the fields. Straw was left on about 10 hectares and was later covered by snow.

- b. STARE MESTO BRUNTAL (Old Town of Bruntal): 300-400 hectares. All kinds of grain and fodder, as at Bruntal are grown here, with the exception of vegetables.

Twenty full-time employees, assisted by voluntary brigades in the harvesting season.

In August 1952 the local cowshed was burnt down. No new one was erected until May 1953. The pigsty was also destroyed by fire. About 20 pigs of the total 420 perished. After the fire the remaining pigs were removed to Bruntal. Officially it was stated that the fires were caused by lightning, but nobody believed the story, especially after two employees were arrested.

The 1952 harvest was poor. Fodder had to be bought from the agricultural cooperative (hospodarske družstvo).

- c. MORAVSKY KOČOV: 200 hectares, 100 cows, six horses, 200 pigs. Two tractors - one ZETOR-15 and one ZETOR-25.

The 1952 harvest was poor. About 10 wagon loads of hay were left in the fields.

Twenty full-time employees.

Note: The above two farming units (b) and (c) belong directly to the Bruntal directorate. The manager is (fnu) NOVAK.

- d. NOVE HERMINOVY: A small farm with 50-70 hectares. Grain and potatoes are grown. Seven full-time employees.

- e. KRISTANOVICE: The largest farming unit of the Bruntal State Farm - over 1,000 hectares. Fifty full-time employees, assisted by working brigades. Five hundred head of cattle, 12 horses, about 150 pigs, 300-400 sheep. An epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease was raging in 1952, and some 35 pigs perished.

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3.

Supervision of workers is lenient and everybody does what he likes. Workers make
Six tractors, one is a caterpillar type. The rest are ZETOR and
SKODA types. Birth 100 is from a cowshed, but this material may always have
been right on the spot.

f. DVORCE NA MORAVE: Besides the State Farm unit here, there are also
a farmers' cooperative and several private farms. the properties of
cowshed. What is built in winter has to be repaired in spring. In April 1952,
a new cowshed was erected here. One hundred

g. MORAVSKY BEROUN: In 1951 a new cowshed was erected here. One hundred
and fifty head of cattle. The Communist propaganda
and stables. It is true that the new ones
As of April 1953 this farming unit was to be closed down

h. DEDRICHOVICE: As of April 1953 this farming unit was to be closed down
and taken over by the JZD. The new ones
Mature may not be removed for two

i. ANDELSKA SVETLA: Mainly a poultry farm, with 2,000 hens and chickens,
and with artificial incubators. The birds from the inside
and outside.

j. SUCHA RUDNA: [redacted] sheep are 50X1-HUM
kept there.

k. HORNÍ VACLAVOV: One hundred-150 hectares. Mainly grain and potatoes.
About 100 cows, 150-200 sheep.

l. ANDELSKA HORA: In 1952 a barn here was turned into a cowshed.

m. CHARTA: No details known [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Building Department of the Bruntal State Farm

6. "A Building Department with 17 employees is attached to the Bruntal State Farm.
Of this number five are building workers, four are joiners, one a locksmith and
the rest auxiliary labourers. This department is responsible for building cowsheds
pigsties etc. and for keeping farm buildings in repair. 50X1-HUM

7. "The head of this department until March 1952 was Juraš HÝNEK, a Slovak [redacted]
[redacted]

8. "The Building Department suffers from shortages of materials. A 1953 allotment
of wood for three months was 10-15 cubic meters, which was used up in three weeks.
Allocated cement was either stolen by the manager or by his subordinates. The
Department received permission from the District National Committee to pull down old
houses. This is good business for everybody because a large part of the materials, such
as bricks and timber, are sold privately on the black market. 50X1-HUM

9. "Working morale is very poor. Most of the workers are heavy drinkers. They used to
bring bottles of rum to work. They did not hide the bottle when the manager appeared,
but remarked: 'He will like to have a drink with us; after all, we all know that he
also steals cement.' Stealing was done collectively and the money spent in the local
pub. When the workers are in a good mood they sometimes discuss foreign broadcasting
stations. The main speaker used to be Josef INDIG. [redacted]
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4.

Supervision of workers is lenient and everybody does what he likes. Workers make entries in their books about jobs which they have never done. They may charge for transport of sand and earth 100 m from a cowshed, but this material may always have been right on the spot.

3. "The quality of work done by the Building Department has all the properties of 'shockwork'. What is built in winter has to be repaired in spring. In spring 1952, a whole wall of the new cowshed at MORAVSKY KOCAV collapsed, and the brick floor kept sinking. Sewer pipes are laid in a primitive fashion. The Communist propaganda makes a great fuss about modern cowsheds and stables. It is true that the new ones are spacious, but nothing is mechanized. Manure has to be taken out on carts, and fodder is usually brought by hand. The sewerage is often blocked permanently. Generally the cowsheds are in a deplorable state. Manure may not be removed for two days and gets mixed with fresh fodder. The cattle are never cleaned. Inspections are simple. A commission arrives from OLOMOUC, looks at the walls from the inside and outside, nods approvingly, signs some papers and leaves.
1. "In 1952 the farm at Bruntal was allocated 50 kg of nails, which disappeared in a few days. Managers of various farms got hold of them. The workers who needed them had to pull nails out of old boards. Tools such as spades, shovels and pickaxes are either bought at the ROVNOST shop or simply stolen from other farming units. Once the Building Department was allocated several shovels by ROVNOST, but they were unsuitable and could only be used for slag. They were left in the Department's storeroom. The workers stole the shovels which they needed from the farming units where they were assigned to work. Some tools are not available at all and workers have to bring them from their homes.

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