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- Targul Mures (46°33'N, 24°33'E) a centuries old town which had a population of about 50 thousand in 1944. From 1940 to 1944, during the occupation by the Hungarian army, this town was called Marosvassrhely. About two kilometers southwest of the town is a small village. The Hungarian name for it was Medgyesfalva. I d) not know the Rumanian name for this village. Targul Mures is situated in a valley. On the southern side of the town there is a fairly steep hill or small mountain. On the east side of the Mures River the valley extends about one and one-half kilometers and ends at another small mountain. The general topography of the town is rolling.
- 2. Almost all the streets are paved with asphalt and are two lanes wide. However, on steep inclines bricks set on the small edge are used. This provides more secure footing for horses during slippery weather. Almost all screets have sephalt sidewalks on each side. Hewers are adequate and carry off everything but a cloudburst. Sever maintenance is facily tated with a number of manholes located throughout the entire street system.
- 3. Residences are chiefly of brick construction with hip roofs covered with red slate. Most residences located in the central part of town have three or four stories, while the majority of the other homes are two-story. The heaviest concentration of residences is in the southern part of the town. Most homes are heated with natural gas, most have running water and electricity. Most persons own their homes and do not rent them.
- 4. Population is chiefly Hungarian. Rumanians constitute the largest minority group although there is a small German minority group. People eat the principal meal at moon. Motion pictures and concerts are preferred forms of ammisement and succer football is the favorite sport.
- 5. I have prepared a free hand sketch, not drawn to scale /knclosure A/ showing the Jocation of the principal buildings. Numbers on the sketch are identified with the corresponding numbers listed below.

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- 1. City hall. Brick construction, four stories. It was erected prior to World War I.
- Culture Palace. This is the town's principal auditorium. It is of brick construction and has five stories. It was built before World War I.
- District building. Brick construction, erected in 1940. All district offices are located here.
- 4. This building was used for training apprentices of many crafts such as bricklayers and carpenters.
- 5. Greek Orthodox Church.
- 6. Police headquarters. Brick construction. A very old building.
- 7. Roman Catholic Church.
- Drill field for soldiers. I cannot give dimensions but medium size passenger airplanes could land here.
- 9. Military high school.
- 10. City hospital. Brick construction. Either three or four stories.
- 11. Orphanage.
- 12. Military barracks. I do not know how many soldiers could be quartered here.
- 13. Post office, telephone and telegraph building.
- 14. On the top floor of the post office there is a bank.
- 15. Old fort, now used as a Protestant Church.
- Four communities. Two for liberal arts courses and two for commercial courses.
- 17. Rumanian Orthodox Church.
- 18. Protestant gymnasium.
- 19. Cemetery. Used by both Protestants and Catholics.
- 20. One of the highest hills in town. It is used by a number of rifle clubs for target shooting area.
- 21. Protestant Church.
- 22. Tax office.
- 23. Lower courts and court of appeals; three stories.
- 24. Lower courts; three stories.
- 25. Jail. This is a small brick building, one story attached to Building 24.
- 26. A small private hospital.
- 27. Brick factory.
- 28. Old district hall building.

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- 29. Dairy.
- 30. Medical building, chiefly used as a clinic for workers.
- 31. Grade school.
- 32. High school, mechanical trades.
- Railroad station for freight and passenger trains. These railroad lines run to Bucharest and Brasov.
- 34. A small railroad station. This is a narrow gauge railroad which has passenger and freight service to Praid (46°33'N, 25°08'E).
- 35, Military barracks for a tank unit.
- 36, Beet sugar factory.
- Large municipal airport. I do not know the dimensions or the number of buildings.
- 38. Dam in the Mures River. The narrow top of the dam is used as a foot bridge by pedestrians. It is not wide enough for vehicles.
- 39. Electrical power station.
- 40. Turkish baths.
- 41. City swimming pool.
- 42. Military barracks for an artillery unit.
- 43. Blaughter house. A very large brick building with first class equipment. It is the only one in town.
- 44. Teachers gymnasium.
- 45. Fire station. All equipment was motor-propelled.
- 46. City museum.
- 47. Military barracks. I do not know the capacity.
- 48. Houses of prostitution.
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- 50. Old beer factory; since about 1940 it is used as a warehouse to store medical supplies by the army.
- 51, 52 and 53. City hospital buildings.
- 54, City hespital for contagious diseases.
- 55. Brick factory,
- 56. Food canning factory.
- 57. A small petroleum refinery. I do not know capacity or production figures.
- 58. Wetwrel gas storage unit.
- 59. Elementary school.

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- 60. Small railroad station used by both passenger and freight trains.
- 61: Very large brick factory. This is surrounded by a number of deep excavations for clay which is used in brick production by this factory.
- 62. Gity water works. Has a number of open reservoirs. Water is pumped to a water tower located on a hill about one-half kilometer from it, No. 63.
- 63. City water reservoir on a high hill.
- 64. Bridge. Two lenes wide. I saw trucks carrying approximately a five-ton load crossing this bridge.
- 65. Mures River. It flows southwestwardly along the north side of the town.

  Nost of the time it is very shallow and can be forded; it varies in width

  from 50 to 200 meters. The river floods almost every spring but does not

  damage the town buildings because theoverflow is confined chiefly to the

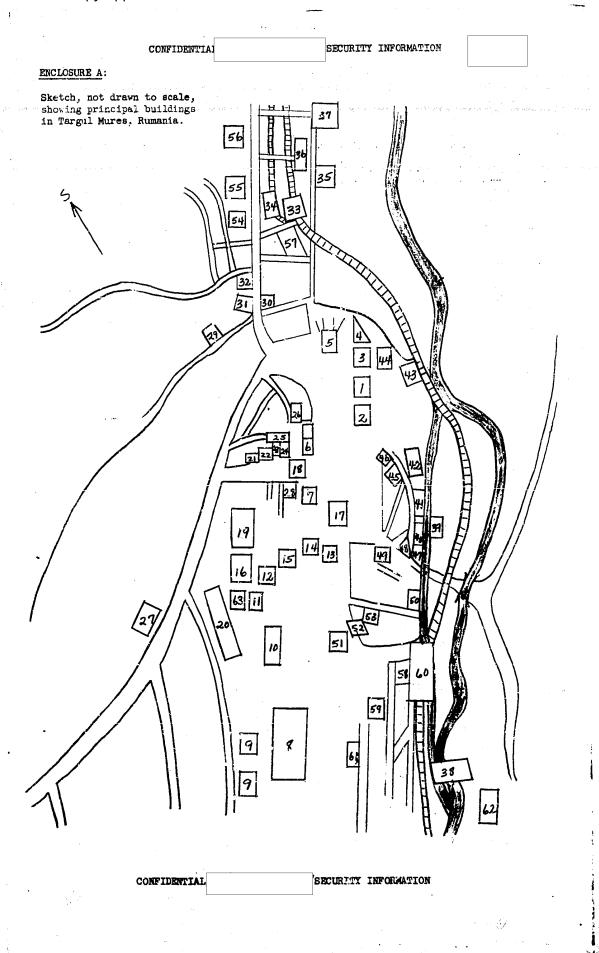
  north side of the river where there are only a few buildings.

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Enclosure A: Sketch, not drawn to scale, showing principal buildings in Targul Mures, Rumania.

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