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- 25X1 1. The building of the new Elbe River dam at Horni Grunt (051/F77) near Hrensko (river kilometer marker No. 103) will be started in spring 1953. The survey of the site is now being completed. A labor force of approximately 5,000 will be employed on the project, including approximately 3,000 Rumanian and Hungarian workers. The erection of huts has already started. The concrete part of the new quay in the Decin river port has been completed and at present the work of levelling the surrounding area is being carried out. The new quay is approximately six meters above the present water level and over 1,000 meters long.
- 25X1 2. When completed, this dam should enable shipping to move on the stretch from Prague to Decin and on the upper Elbe the whole year round, except when the river freezes. A large power station is also planned at the dam.
- 25X1 3. On the East German side a new dam is to be built at Pirna (N51/F38).
- 4. On the upper Elbe, between Kolin and Melnik, the building of new locks at Pnov (051/M39, river kilometer marker No. 78) began in autumn 1952. Dredging of the river at various places on this stretch has continued throughout the year.

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