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1. Before the Rumanian-owned oil company Muntenia was absorbed in 1950 by Sovrompetrol, it had located new oil wells in the Mehedinti, and Piatra Neamt areas.
2. The Bustenari wells, which had been considered exhausted as their production had dropped to one-half ton per day, have been reopened by Sovrompetrol.
3. The equipment of the petrol refinery in Bucharest, originally one of the refineries [REDACTED] was dismantled and part of it moved to Focsani where a refinery was built, and part to a chemical factory situated in one of the valleys of the Fagaras Mountains. This factory is operated with Soviet advisers. 25X1
4. Drilling equipment and replacements now obtainable from Rumania, the USSR, and Czechoslovakia are of poor quality, and where possible old equipment of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] manufacture is repaired and kept working. Rumanian sources of equipment include the following: 25X1
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 - a. 1 May (formerly Concordia), Ploesti. This factory makes drilling rods, which have little resistance to strain, and small spare parts for derricks such as races for ball bearings.
 - b. Resita, which makes fixed derricks and drilling rods.
 - c. 23 August (formerly Malaxa), which makes casing pipes for the drilling process and tubing for use after drilling is completed. Employing the API (sic) method, the factory is able to produce pipes with diameters ranging from four to 16 inches.
5. In 1947 Rumania signed a contract for drilling equipment with the [REDACTED] export firm of [REDACTED] according to which Muntenia received 1,800 tons of good quality equipment, including between 10 and 15 portable derricks. These arrived without the special trucks on which they are transported from one bore-hole to another. The 25X1
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contract with [] was subsequently repudiated, and the trucks were never supplied. Four similar derricks, probably also supplied by [] were seen at the Sovrompetrol wells at Baicoi in 1948.

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6. Supplies received during 1947 and 1948 included between 20 and 25 Leyland trucks from Britain, and a number of precision instruments for drilling and refining processes.
7. Negotiations were in progress in 1949 for the purchase, from the Paris representatives of an [] firm, of two pieces of special apparatus for test boreholes. This equipment consists of a mobile outfit which fires a spherical apparatus about 300 meters into a hole drilled with the aid of a derrick and photographs the geological formations through which the apparatus passes. The equipment includes a chamber for developing the film at the spot. 25X1
8. In order to save refinery equipment, only one type of gasoline is now being manufactured, in place of several types of light and heavy gasolines formerly produced.
9. Muntenia had two depots for equipment. One was the Central Depot at Campina where small tools and precision fittings including drills are kept. The other was the Baicoi Depot, located 300 meters up the Moreni road which branches off opposite Baicoi station, where pipes of different kinds are stored. In 1944-45 the Soviets took 20,000 tons of materials from this depot for dispatch to the USSR, including 600 new Siemens-Schuckert electric motors.
10. In 1948 the export depot at Constanta occupied four docks and included 60 reservoirs, with a total capacity of at least 200,000 tons.

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