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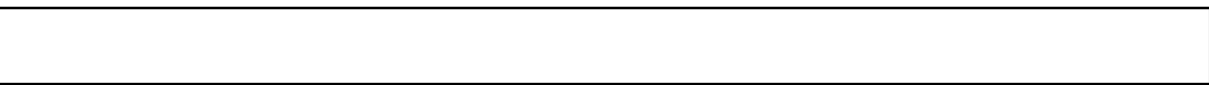
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1. Refugees from the island of Ruegen report that mine chambers (Spronglamern) are being built in Ruegendamm by the Soviets. The effort to make Ruegen into the strongest pillar of the "Baltic Wall" is being hurried along by all available means. The Russians are taking over more and more of the island. Along with the removal of hotel and pension keepers, more and more of the population is being evacuated. Foremost among those expelled are politically unreliable persons, persons unable to work, and pensioners. The dwelling space thus made available is used to quarter HVS and KVP units. Binz, Prora, Niel, Breege, Glowe, Sassnitz, Neu-Jaunran, Bergen, Putbus, and Goehren have become completely militarized. The entire island is governed by military law. Raids by the secret police terrorize the remaining population.
2. New parts of the island are continually being added to the off-limits areas. Existing artillery installations, airfield, maneuver areas, and seaplane bases are being enlarged and new ones built. Large depots, partly subterranean, hold a tremendous amount of war material of all kinds.
3. Trains loaded with munitions and accessory materials roll over the Dam to the island day and night. The People's Police units, the work battalions, and the prisoners confined to the island as forced laborers are kept completely isolated from the Soviet troops.
4. Recently the work on the fortifications which were supposed to be finished by the end of 1953 has been considerably speeded up by the order of the Russians. It is anticipated that the work on the fortifications will be completed in July or August 1953. It can be taken for granted that the Russians wish to erect another Portlala here and prevent the free world with an accomplished fact before protests can be made.
5. The people who were forcefully evacuated from Ruegen are said to have been removed to a newly erected concentration camp 60 kilometers southeast of Stettin.

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