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1. [REDACTED] to a camp in Kuchino, some 24 km east of Moscow. The camp was under the supervision of General Shilosov (fnu) and was operated by the MVD. [REDACTED] 25X1

2. From October 1949 to September 1951 the life led by [REDACTED] Germans who had come from Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen, and Bautzen in the Soviet Zone of Germany was fairly good: food, clothing, and housing were adequate. Inmates of the camp were paid about 150 rubles a month and allowed to make small purchases. They were not permitted to have any connections with their homes. 25X1

3. In September 1951 all the Germans were moved out of the camp, some to the coal basin of Vorkuta (N 67-31, E 64-00) in the northern Ural region, others to Inta 1, southeast of Moscow, where they were employed in large lumber [REDACTED] 25X1

were extremely hard. The food was very inferior, the temperature 40-60 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (40-50 Grad Kaelte), and the daily work lasted up to 10 hours. Most of the [REDACTED] forced laborers in this camp were common criminals; very few had been condemned for political crimes. The worst among the Soviet criminals were the "Bladnoys"<sup>2</sup>, among whom there were men who had been condemned several times for murder. They stole whatever they could lay their hands on. The "Sukis"<sup>2</sup> were a somewhat better edition of the "Bladnoys". They came from the same social milieu as the "Bladnoys" but had made a promise to reform. 25X1

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4. The arbitrary concept of justice In camp Kuchnic there was a Soviet deserter who was classified as a criminal. On the other hand, in Vorkuta there was a man, convicted 18 times for murder, who was classified as a political criminal.

5. the following camp inmates could be considered as missing persons:

Bosse, Wilhelm, a chemist.

Riewe, Dr. (fnu), of whom it was known that he was arrested.

Mueller, Dipl. Ing. Karl, who formerly worked for Zeiss, in Jena. He was condemned to hard labor for life.

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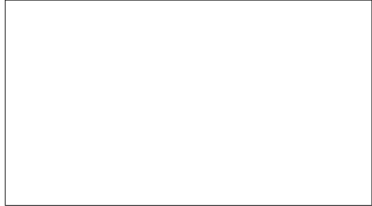
1. Comment: Probably a confusion with Inza (N 52-19, E 42-30), some 50 miles southwest of Ul'yanov. Inza is southeast of Moscow, and a center for the lumber industry of that region. Inta is some 80 miles south of Vorkuta.

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2. Comment: These are slang terms. The first, "Bladnoys", should be "Blatnoy", derived from "blat", a fixer or "spiv". "Sukis", a germanized plural of "suka", bitch, is probably an underworld reference to the fact that these people "betrayed" their profession when they made a promise to reform.

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