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1. A military airfield was located on the southern outskirts of Baranovich (N 53-08, E 26-02), just west of the Lvov-Vilnyus railroad line. Construction of this airfield was started in 1940, after this part of Belorussia was occupied by the Soviet Army. Construction was interrupted by the German occupation of the area in summer 1941. [Redacted] the Germans used the field after they occupied the area. [Redacted] the Germans did not do any extensive work on the field during the entire period of their occupation. 25X1
2. After World War II the airfield was extended and reconstructed by the Soviets, and it was finally completed in 1948 or 1949. [Redacted] the airfield covered an area of about 2,000 (sic) hectares. Each of the three concrete-asphalt runways was 15 to 20 m wide [Redacted] one large building on the airfield [Redacted] ( see the attached sketch for the layout of the airfield). 25X1
3. Soviet Air Force personnel stationed at the airfield were billeted in barracks located on the southern edge of Baranovich; these barracks had been used by the 26th Cavalry Regiment of the Polish Army before 1939. [Redacted] there were usually several hundred Soviet Air Force officers in Baranovich. [Redacted] 25X1
4. Jet fighter planes (type not identified) were based at the airfield. [Redacted] identified [Redacted] as jets because of their swept-back wings and the sound they made while in flight. During the June 1953 uprising in Eastern Germany, there were several hundred, probably as many as 500 (sic), jet fighters and several four-engine bombers at the Baranovich airfield. [Redacted] 25X1

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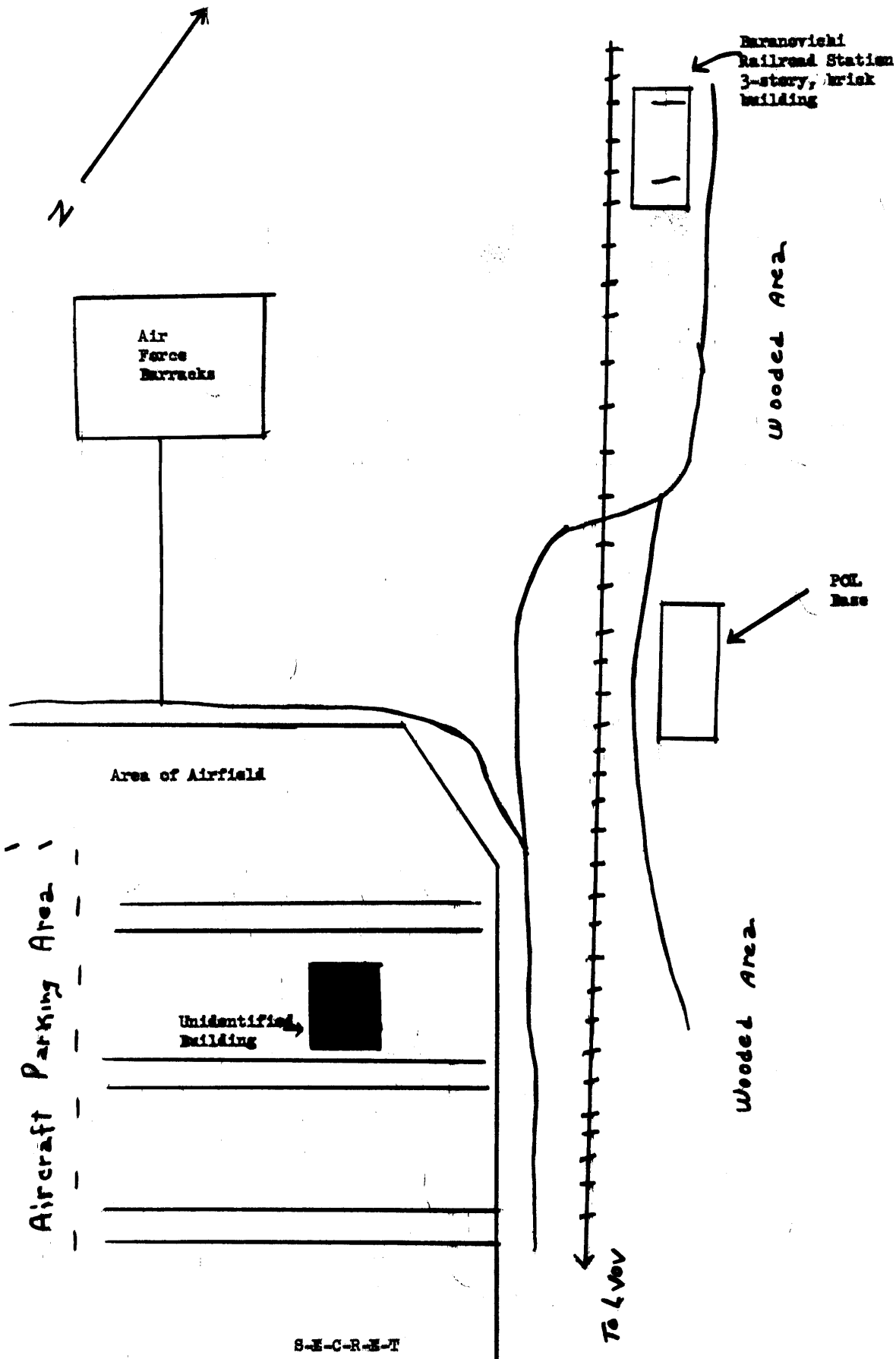
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5. An aviation POL base of the Baranovich military airfield was located in a wooded area across the L'vov-Baranovich railroad line. Approximately five stationary gasoline tanks with an estimated capacity of 50 tons each and a large number of barrels of gasoline were stored in the open and covered with tarpaulins. The contents were indicated in large letters on each gasoline tank. Several dirt mounds with ventilation outlets [redacted] part of this POL base was underground. The POL area was always guarded by several armed sentries. 25X1  
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6. In 1949, some of the Air Force personnel stationed in Baranovich, together with some aircraft and other equipment (kind not specified), were transferred to Sakhalin. [redacted] the transfer created considerable excitement in Baranovich because the officers concerned, especially their wives, were displeased at the prospect of going to Sakhalin. Several months later some replacements from Sakhalin arrived in Baranovich. 25X1
7. Soviet Air Force personnel in Baranovich led quite a dissolute life. Their frequent drinking parties, brawls, and general misconduct often aroused the ire of the local population. The expensive fur coats worn by the wives of Air Force personnel were a cause of envy and bitterness on the part of the inhabitants of Baranovich.
1. [redacted] Comment: This airfield is probably Baranovich East, which was previously reported as 2,600 by 2,200 feet in size. 25X1

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Memory Sketch of the Baranovichi Military Airfield



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