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1. In Kreis Sonneberg Thuringia, on the road from Steinach to Haselbach, there is a large slate quarry. For approximately six weeks, about 300 laborers have been working at this site. The broken slate, which is ground to meal, is said to receive an admixture of a poisonous substance. As a result, the air is permeated with an odor resembling that of caraway. This poisonous substance is said to be delivered by the Schering Fabrik fuer Chemische Erzeugnisse, East Berlin. 25X1
2. After the poisonous substance has been added to the slate meal, this is poured into paper sacks and loaded onto railroad cars which leave immediately. Five to six carloads leave the site daily. The shipments are said to go to Kaliningrad Oblast, RSFSR (formerly East Prussia), where the shipments are said to be further processed in an unidentified plant. The shipments are accompanied by members of the SSD and by Soviet military personnel.

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