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1. In late 1953, employees of the State Geological Commission in Danzig stated that soil investigations for a large fuel dump had been executed at a construction site near Braunsberg (S 55/Z 22). The soil had been drilled up to a depth of 25 meters. The construction site which was named Rogity was located in a wooded area east of Regitten (S 55/Z 22). Workers stated that a large fuel dump was to be constructed there on orders of the Central Office for Petroleum Production. (CPN)
2. During the period from January until April 1954, soil investigations for a construction project located near Prostken (S 54/A 95) were executed by several brigades by the State Geological Commission. The new project had the designation Wytownia Chemiczne (chemical production) and was to be located in the wooded area between Dombrowsken (S 54/A 95) and Ostrokollen (S 54/A 95) on both sides of the road which connects these two places. It was rumored that an ammunition depot for the Polish armed forces was to be constructed there. The area which covered more than one square km was surrounded by a fence constructed by civilian workers of state construction firms from Allenstein and Warsaw. Following a construction plan which had already been available, the geologists had to make five drillings up to a depth of 20 meters for each project. In the spring of 1954, an approach road which ran northward was built from the Prostken - Dlugossen road. Rail connection from the Lyck - Bialystok line was planned. The bridge across the Lyck River was under construction.
3. In April 1954, the work at the construction site was done by the civilian workers. A cantonment had been built for these workers in Prostken and another one northeast of Ostrokollen. Inspections teams in civilian clothing who came from Warsaw repeatedly inspected the construction site in the spring of 1954. Construction material was unloaded at the Prostken railroad station. Residents in Dombrowsken stated that Polish engineer units had searched the area for mines in 1953.
4. In the spring of 1954, a large installation called Wytownia Chemiczne (chemical production) which was surrounded by a wall was located in the wooded area north of Biala Błota (P 54/S 84), southwest of Bydgoszcz (P 54/J 09). The installation was connected with Biala Błota by a road which led toward north across the woods. The area of the installation

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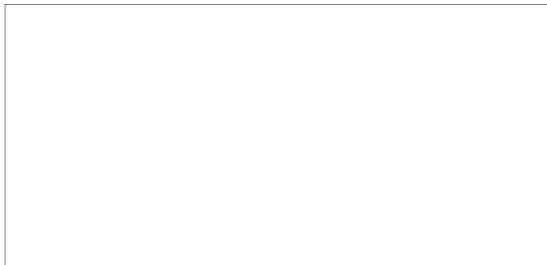


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included scattered concrete buildings, about 20 x 10 meters which were sunk in the earth. The buildings projected about 2.5 meters above the earth surface and were covered with earth on their sides. The installation allegedly manufactured explosives in May 1954. Personnel of the state construction firm in Bromberg were employed at the installation.²

1.  Comment. CPN is the state organization for fuel supply. The construction of a supply dump in this area is reported for the first time. It is possible that a large dump is located in that area because the place is immediately west of the dividing line between the two railroad gauge systems. Since the change of the railroad gauge makes time-consuming re-laying work necessary and the gauge change railroad stations would probably be exposed to air raids, the Soviets are attempting to establish a supply basis in the area of Brest. It is consequently believed that this dump is being constructed at Soviet request rather than for the Polish armed forces. 25X1

2.  Comment. Vague information indicated that a former German ammunition depot with a storing capacity of 20,000 tons of ammunition was located in the area of Bydgoszcz (Bromberg). The sizes mentioned in the report allow the conclusion that the dump possibly is the former German ammunition depot. 25X1



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