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1. Headquarters building of the State Security Authority (AVH) is situated on the left bank of the Danube in District V of Budapest. The front of the building faces Széchenyi Rakpart, a boulevard running parallel to the Danube. The eastern side of the building faces Személymők utca, the northern side faces Jászai Mari Square, and the southern side faces Balaton utca (See sketches 1 and 2). Some tens of yards northeast of the building are the piers of the Margit Bridge, which leads to Margit Island and from there to the right bank of the Danube.
2. The building is about 70 m. long and 35 m. wide, and is designed in the form of a capital "H". It consists of a ground floor and seven stories and has a basement and a subbasement. The roof is flat. The building is of reinforced concrete, with brick walls. The ground floor is faced with stone, and those above with slabs of grey marble.
3. The building was completely reconstructed between 1947 and 1949 after having been destroyed during the war. When first completed this building was used by the Ministry of the Interior, and was taken over by the AVH in 1951.

- Annexes: (A) View of AVH headquarters from the Margit Bridge
(B) Northwestern view of AVH Headquarters.

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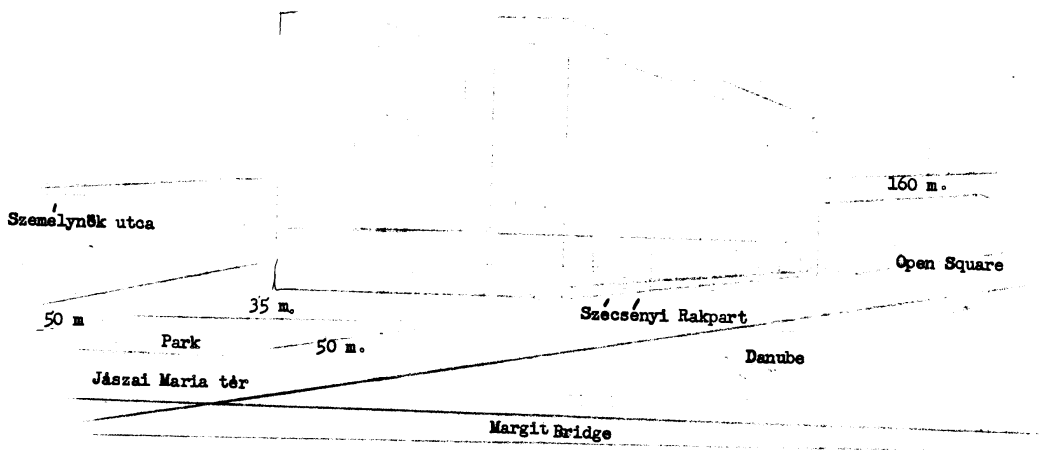
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AVH Headquarters View from the
Margit Bridge



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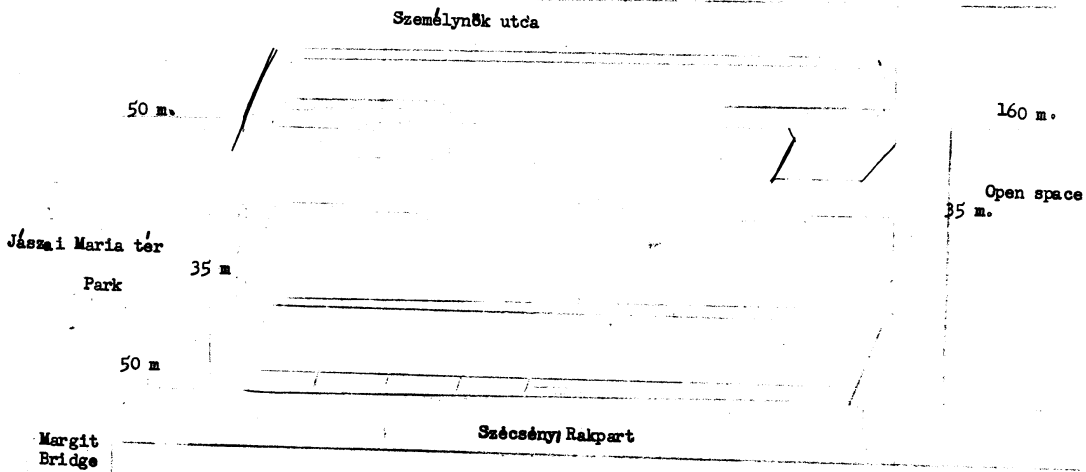
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Northwestern View of the AVH
Headquarters in Budapest

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Balaton
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