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1. [redacted] the Quality Control Enterprise which comes directly under the Ministry of Foreign Trade and employs about 300 workers. This enterprise is located at Nador St #22, in the V District of Budapest. Quality Control Ltd is responsible for inspecting all textiles, equipment, machinery, chemicals, vehicles, livestock, etc, before they can be exported to any country. [On file [redacted] is a chart showing the organizational breakdown of MERT - CONFIDENTIAL.]

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2. [redacted]

3. The "Orion" factory exported twenty million forints worth of radio receivers quarterly during 1955 and 1956 to the following countries: The majority went to Rumania, Yugoslavia, [redacted] the USSR. During 1956, about 200 AB701 portable radios were exported [redacted] The AB701 receiver covers the 50 meter to 150 meter bands and can be used both by the military forces and the civil police. During the month of December 1955, 98% of the receivers slated for export by "Orion" were rejected because of defective solder connections and distorted reception due to weak sensitivity. I heard that the military department of "Orion" manufactured 20 watt radio sending and receiving equipment at the rate of 100 to 150 sets per month.

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4. During December 1955, I inspected equipment slated for export by "Beloinniss" at which time four percent of the civilian type radio-receivers and 20% of the telephone exchanges were rejected. Telephone exchanges were exported mostly to China, and in June of 1956, about three hundred thousand dollars worth of equipment was rejected [redacted]

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5. About 50% of the radio broadcast transmitting tubes produced by the Hungram Factory were rejected due to defective glass and grids.

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6. The Fine Mechanical Laboratories located in Kobanya [4617N-1818E] manufactures radar equipment for the military. I heard that they are making lens out of artificial material to be used for focusing ultra short wave transmissions on the eight to ten centimeter wave length.
7. "Vecses," a small industrial cooperative located about twenty kilometers from Budapest (direction unknown), produces radiosonde equipment designed for meteorological use to record the temperature, pressure and humidity of the earth's atmosphere at various heights.

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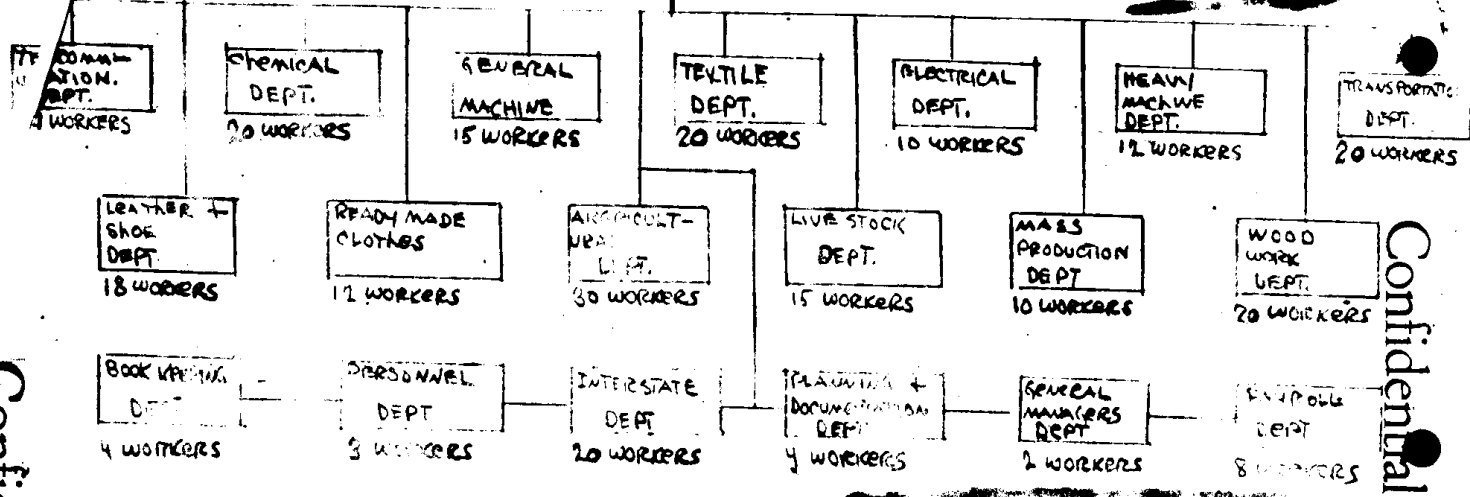
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