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COUNTRY	Bulgaria	REPORT	[REDACTED]
SUBJECT	Explosives Factory Near Tvurditsa	DATE DISTR.	31 January 1957
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PLACE & DATE ACQ.	[REDACTED]		25X1 (m)

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[REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] reconstruction of [REDACTED] a factory located five kilometers southwest of Tvurditsa, where an explosive called "Metanit" was to be manufactured. The original factory had been burned down in 1953-1954. [REDACTED] when a factory employee wearing shoes with iron nails stepped on some explosive which had been scattered on the floor. 25X1
2. [REDACTED] the construction site was located on high ground and [REDACTED] the chimney of the newly built factory could be seen on the high ground on the left side of the railway line. The factory area was about 20-25 hectares and was surrounded by five or six rows of barbed wire about 1.20 meters high. The construction area was guarded day and night by four militiamen armed with carbines, and entrance to the area was forbidden. However, no official entry cards were issued to the workers. 25X1
3. The construction plans were drawn up by Soviet engineers. According to the plans, the factory was expected to be completed in 1956. However, the Soviets made some changes in the plans, and the construction work was stopped on 7 November 1956 (sic) until the plans could be returned. [REDACTED] 25X1
4. About 40 laborers were working on the construction of the factory [REDACTED] 25X1
5. A sketch of the factory area along with an identifying legend is attached. 25X1

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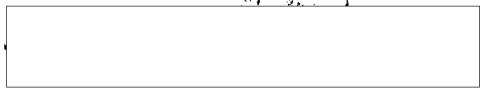
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23. Entrance and Militia post.
24. Tvarditsa - Zapalya highway.
25. A road branching from the highway towards the factory.
26. A newly constructed road in front of the newly constructed storerooms.
27. Dirt road between the factory and Tvarditsa village,
28. Portal
29. Sliven - Kozulish highway.
30. Heath
31. An old building, 10 x 8 meters.
32. A storeroom 20 x 12 meters; under construction.
33. A storeroom for building material, 20 x 10 meters.
34. A temporary steel bridge.
35. Electric water pump.
36. Portal

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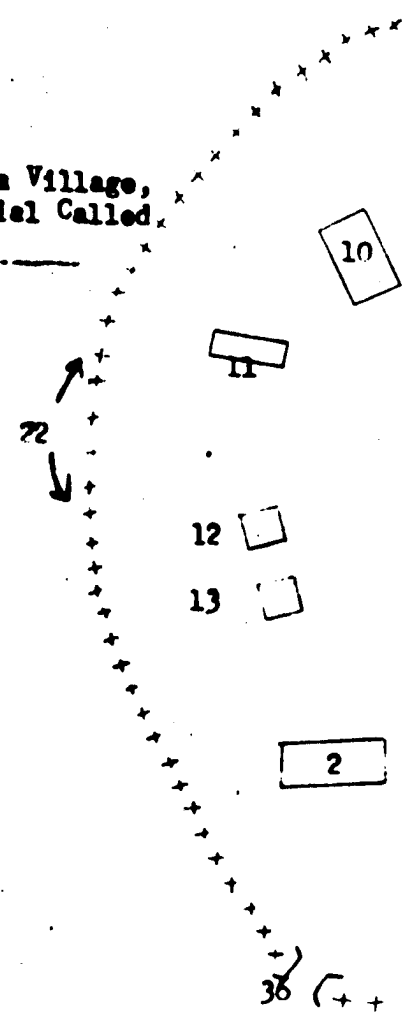
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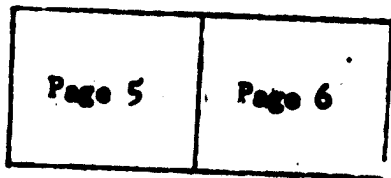
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Layout Sketch of a Factory Near Tvurditsa Village,
Sliven Okoliya, where an Explosive Material Called
"Metanit" is to be Manufactured

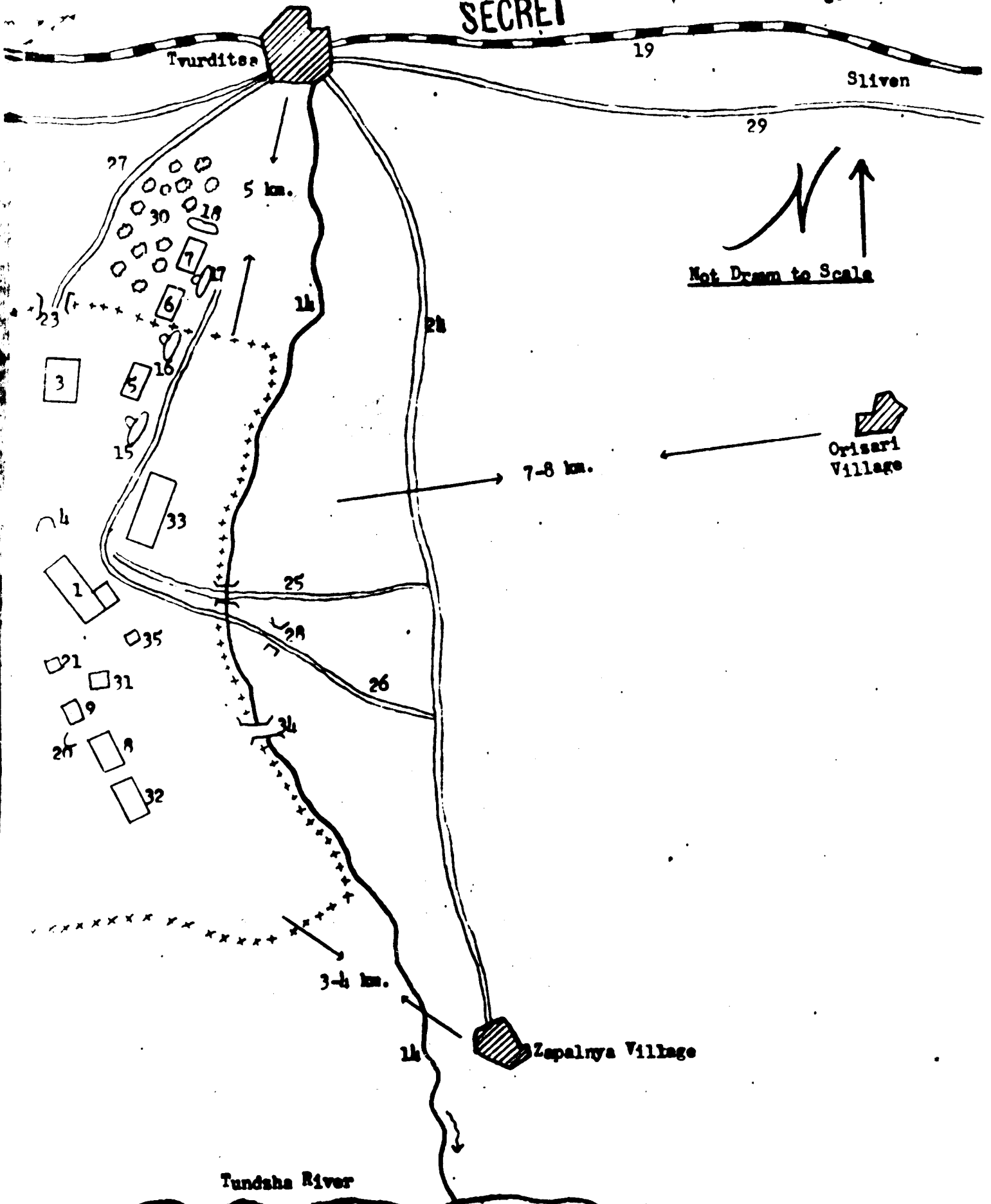


Assembly Plan



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