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[redacted] report on various installations of the Soviet horological industry. The report mentions automatic watch production at the Moscow Horological Factory No. 1 and the production of high precision instruments such as aviation clocks and navigation watches at the Chelyabinsk (N 55-10, E 61-24) plant.¹

[redacted] Comment: This is presumably the Molnya Watch Plant located in Chelyabinsk. 25X1

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Russian Automatic Watch and Horological Factory, CHELYABINSK

The MOSCOW No. 1 Horological Factory produces an automatic watch but this is of a crude type compared with the very fine [Redacted] mechanisms. The Russian time-piece did not incorporate miniature ball bearings.

[Redacted] Comment: It might be of interest to know that a

[Redacted] firm will be going into production in 1957 with an automatic watch incorporating ball bearings sixty hundredths of an millimetre in diameter.

2. [Redacted] saw the Horological Institute (Research) in MOSCOW, where [Redacted]

[Redacted] the latest developments of fine watch mechanisms. At the Institute [Redacted] a prototype of a watch which was [Redacted] "a really first class job".

[Redacted] the watch [Redacted] would be going into production at their horological factory at CHELYABINSK. The standard of this watch is probably superior to that of a special desk watch being made at the MOSCOW No. 1 Factory.

3. [Redacted] obviously has the highest regard for the capabilities of the CHELYABINSK factory to produce work of such a high grade. [Redacted]

[Redacted] CHELYABINSK would be, or is, already responsible for horological work of the highest precision including such items of production as aviation clocks and navigation watches. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Russians in the Institute regarded

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CHELYABINSK as a key factory. The general picture
of CHELYABINSK was that it could probably compare with

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