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[REDACTED] report on the CKD Sokolovo plant in Prague-Vysocany, which allegedly was producing steam locomotives, some parts for tanks, and machinery for a sugar mill [REDACTED]. The report includes a sketch showing the location of the plant. 25X1

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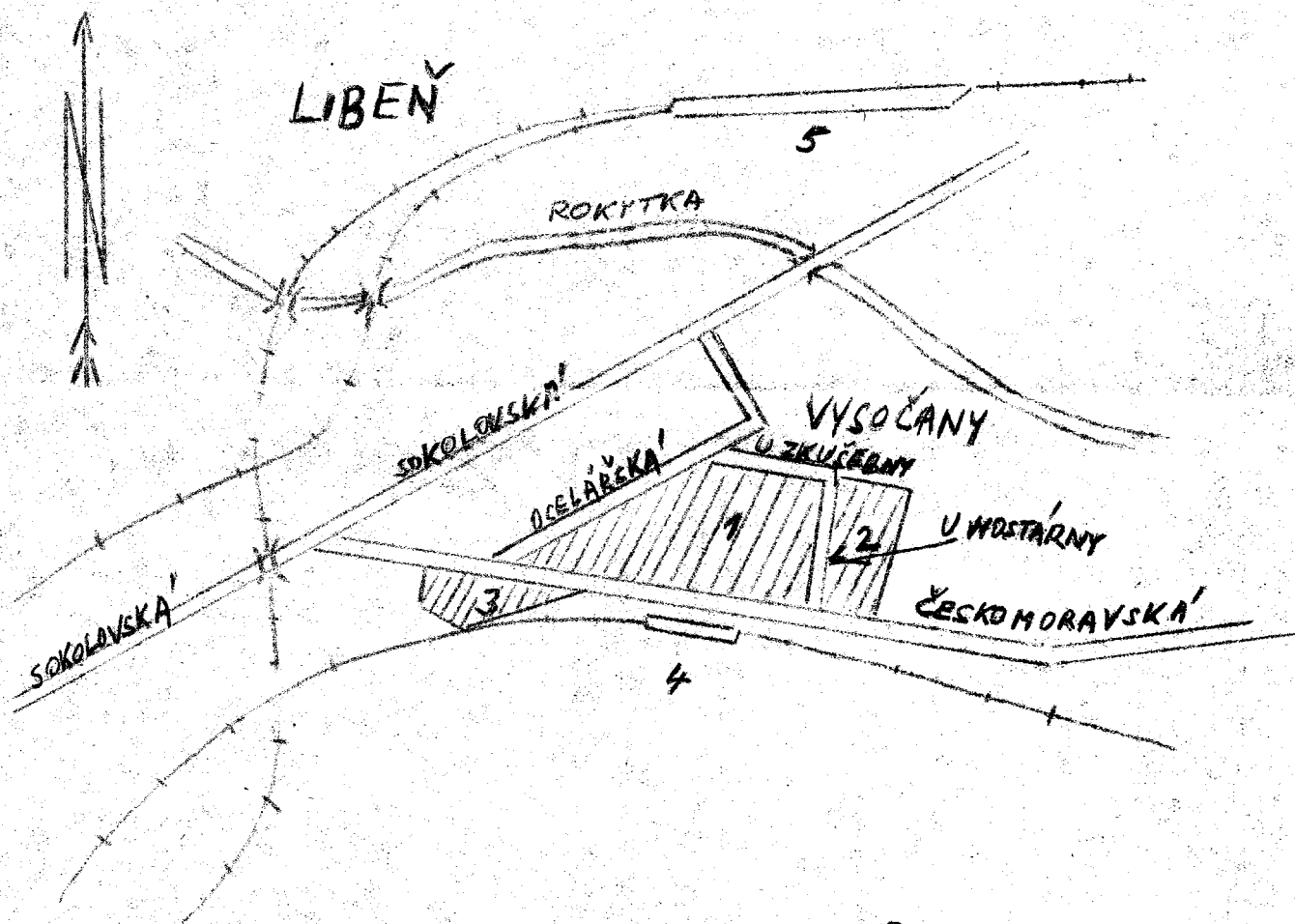
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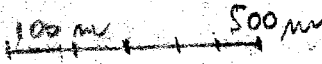
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C.A.D. - "SOKOLOVO", PRAHA-VYSOCANY.



LEGEND:

- 1 - border line of former plant CKD, LIBEN
- 2 - " " " " " PRAGA
- 3 - " " " " " U PRASILU
- 4 - railway station PRAHA-LIBEN, Horni, nadrazi (Upper Railway St.)
- 5 - railway station PRAHA-VYSOCANY



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Prague-Vysocany, along the Ceskomoravska street. [redacted] and
was known as CKD-SOKOLOVO, Prague-Liben. Since 1951 it has been officially
called CKD SOKOLOVO, Prague-Vysocany, but it still is generally known
among the Prague residents as CKD Sokolovo, Prague-Liben.
The main entrance into the plant is from Ceskomoravska street, # 205,
opposite the RR-station Prague-Liben, Horni nadrazi. (Upper RR-station).
The buildings of the plant stand on the sites of the former factories
CKD Prague-Liben, "PRAGA" Plant and Plant "U Prasilu". Individual factory
units are connected by factory rail tracks. 25X1

2) The plant is being constantly extended and chiefly underground construction
are carried out under the buildings. [redacted] 25X1

3) Production: At the beginning of 1956 the main production of CKD Sokolovo
was the production of steam locomotives of various types and some parts
for tanks. The plant was also producing machinery equipment for a sugar-
mill, destined for Egypt. [redacted] 25X1

4) Destination of products: The majority of all products is exported mainly
to China and the USSR, as well as to the satellite states. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] (No further details available.)

5) The number of employees is allegedly about 10,000. At the beginning of
1956, work was divided into three shifts, and the night shift was as fully
manned as the day shift, i.e. there were about 3,000 employees working in
each shift. During the 1954/55 a large number of unskilled workers were
transferred to the plant. These were chiefly superfluous or unreliable
civil servants who were very little efficient as workers and often caused
increase of faulty production.
The apprentices in the plant were lately greatly patronized; they have
various advantages, mainly in catering. In the last year, however, their
advantages diminished because the plant was short of money.
Political indoctrination is being held daily for 10 minutes (Desetiminutovky)
which are organized by the ROH during the lunch break. These lectures are
highly unpopular and very little attended. At ROH meetings, held about
once a month the attendance is also very poor.

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Wages of employees, especially of skilled workers, are generally very good in comparison with other factories. The gross wages of skilled workers are about 1,400 - 2,400 crowns per month. The wages of unskilled laborers vary from 700 - 1,000 crowns per month. Annual leaves are advantageous to the workers, for they can spend them very cheaply in the plant's recreation centers at Straz pod Ralskem in the Sumava mountains and near Pilsen. Employees up to 18 years of age are entitled to 3-weeks' leave, employees over 18 years to 2-weeks' leave and employees of many years' standing (over 15 years?) to 4 weeks of annual leave.

Food in the plant canteen is not good, the meat portions are very small (about 3 dkg) and the price of a lunch is 5.60 Kcs (one half paid by the employee and half by the plant).

Foremen of individual departments are constantly transferred from one department to another and new organization instructions are constantly issued, which cause considerable decrease in production and thus decrease in wages of workers, who among themselves criticize the inefficiency of the management, the majority of which are Communists who secured their posts through Party influence.

6) Machinery: [redacted] the machinery [redacted] is rather old. 25X1

7) Faulty production: In view of increased controls and decreases in wages where faulty production was found out, the percentage of faulty production has lately decreased and it is mainly caused by the inability of workers and bad-quality materials. [redacted] 25X1

8) Security measures: When entering and leaving the plant all employees have always to produce passes, on which there are their photographs. [redacted] 25X1

9) The personnel (Cadre) manager is certain JUDr. fnu Blaha; about 1916-21, member of the KSC, but otherwise considered a decent person. [redacted] 25X1

10) Shortage of material: From time to time in some departments there is a shortage of materials [redacted] 25X1

11) Until 1952 there were several Russians as constant control in the plant. Lately, however, they do not seem to be there employed permanently, but only come to the plant from time to time to carry out controls and visits. Several Chinese and Korean engineers (about 3-5) are employed in the plant who are later to return to China and Korea.

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