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[Large Redacted Area]

[Redacted] the UB headquarters, a four-story building located on a side street about 75 m. north of the central railroad station and about 25 m. west of Kolejowa Street which passes in front of that station.

[Redacted] three by five meter basement room which was already occupied by 12 other men.

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The basement of this building contained seven rooms of similar size; each room had a heavy steel door opening on the hallway and a transom-type window facing the street. There was absolutely no furniture in any of the rooms. Two-meter-long planks forming a platform one meter high along the three-meter-wide wall (street side of room) served as a bed for the 13 inmates. Each [Redacted] was furnished three blankets.

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Toilet facilities consisted of a covered bucket which was emptied once a day. Every morning [Redacted] permitted to leave the room one by one under guard to wash [Redacted] in a wash basin located in the hallway.

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[Redacted] meals consisted of the following:

breakfast - - - one cup of unsweetened, black coffee and about 200 g. of black bread.

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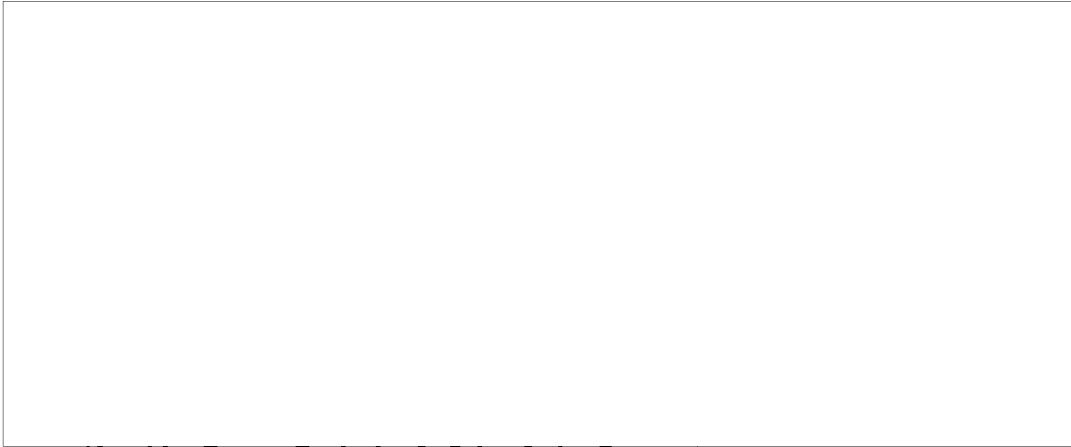
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luncheon - - - - one bowl of nondescript vegetable soup.

supper - - - - one cup of unsweetened, black coffee and about 200 g. of black bread; occasionally we got some of the unpalatable soup instead of the bread.

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the Air Force Technical School in Zamosc

The 10-month training period at this school included a course in political training; this 240-hour course consisted of lectures on such topics as the tradition of the Polish Army; friendship, aid and exemplary patterns of the Soviet Union; biographies of STALIN, ROKOSSOWSKI, and BIERUT. Constant reference was made to the "Western warmongers", "enemies of Poland and peace".

The most frequently repeated statement at these lectures was STALIN's "wroga trzeba spotkac w pelnym uzbrojeniu" (The enemy must be met fully armed).

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A. Listening to foreign broadcasts from the West was not forbidden officially; however, one had to be very careful not to get caught and charged with being a Western spy.

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4.

[redacted] the ZMP [redacted] most of the youths joined this organization either because of the alleged advantages to be derived therefrom or because pressure was exerted by teachers or other superiors.

[redacted] only about five per cent of those who join do so voluntarily.

All inductees who were ZMP members in civilian life were automatically enrolled into this organization in the Army. About 55 of the 77 boys in my Army unit were ZMP members.

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Living conditions in postwar Poland were best during 1945, 1946, and 1947. During those years food and clothing were plentiful and relatively cheap. In 1948 and early 1949 one began to notice some deterioration of the market. It was not until late 1949, when ration cards were introduced, that the situation with respect to availability of consumer goods became very bad. Food and clothing were becoming scarce; prices began to skyrocket. Today, with the state in control of practically all business and enterprise, the situation is intolerable.

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