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1. In May 1951, [redacted] excavation taking place on the southwest edge of Ashkhabad (N 37-57, E 58-23) at the base of a hill. The site was approximately 1.5 kilometers south of Pervomayakaya ulitsa. The entire area was being excavated and an area enclosed by a wooden fence within the barbed wire enclosure appeared to be undergoing excavation to a greater depth. [redacted] the excavation was being extended into the base of the hill. ZIS-5 trucks were observed transporting sand and rock.
2. Most of the labor force was composed of prisoners from the Ashkhabad city jail, and overall supervision of the project was carried out by a military engineer unit. Prisoners were transported to and from the area in trucks driven by military personnel.
3. The excavation site was guarded by MVD guards 24 hours daily and was off limits to unauthorized persons.
4. The subject excavation is pinpointed on an overlay of a USAF [redacted] Chart on page 3 of this report. [redacted] sketch of the area is on page 4.
5. Following are legends to the overlay on page 3 and the sketch on page 4. Numbers in parentheses refer to numbers indicated on the chart.

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a. Legend to Overlay on Page 3.

- (1) Race track and sport stadium - grass surface, approximately 500 meters long and 300 meters wide.
- (2) Rail line called Ashkhabad Railroad - a single-track, broad-gauge railroad line. The line ran from Bakharden (N 38-29, E 57-25) to Ashkhabad.
- (3) Ashkhabad - capital of the Turkmen SSR and the largest industrial center of this republic.
- (4) Pervomayskaya ulitsa - second largest street in Ashkhabad, approximately eight meters wide, built of cobblestone. The street was laid out east - west and extended to the Firyuza highway (Firyuzinskaya doroga).
- (5) Excavation area.

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b. Legend to  Sketch on Page 4.

- (1) Pervomayskaya ulitsa.
- (2) Road - gravel, approximately four meters wide. This road led to the excavation area.
- (3) Guard post - a small wooden shack, large enough for one man. Individual guard towers were located around the area as indicated by blocks on sketch.
- (4) Wooden fence - approximately three meters high, enclosing an area being excavated in greater depth than that area outside of this enclosure.
- (5) Barbed wire fence - approximately two meters high, enclosing the entire excavation area which was approximately 800 x 500 meters. The north fence was on level ground. The south side fence was located on the slope of the mountain.
- (6) Area in which most of the excavating took place.

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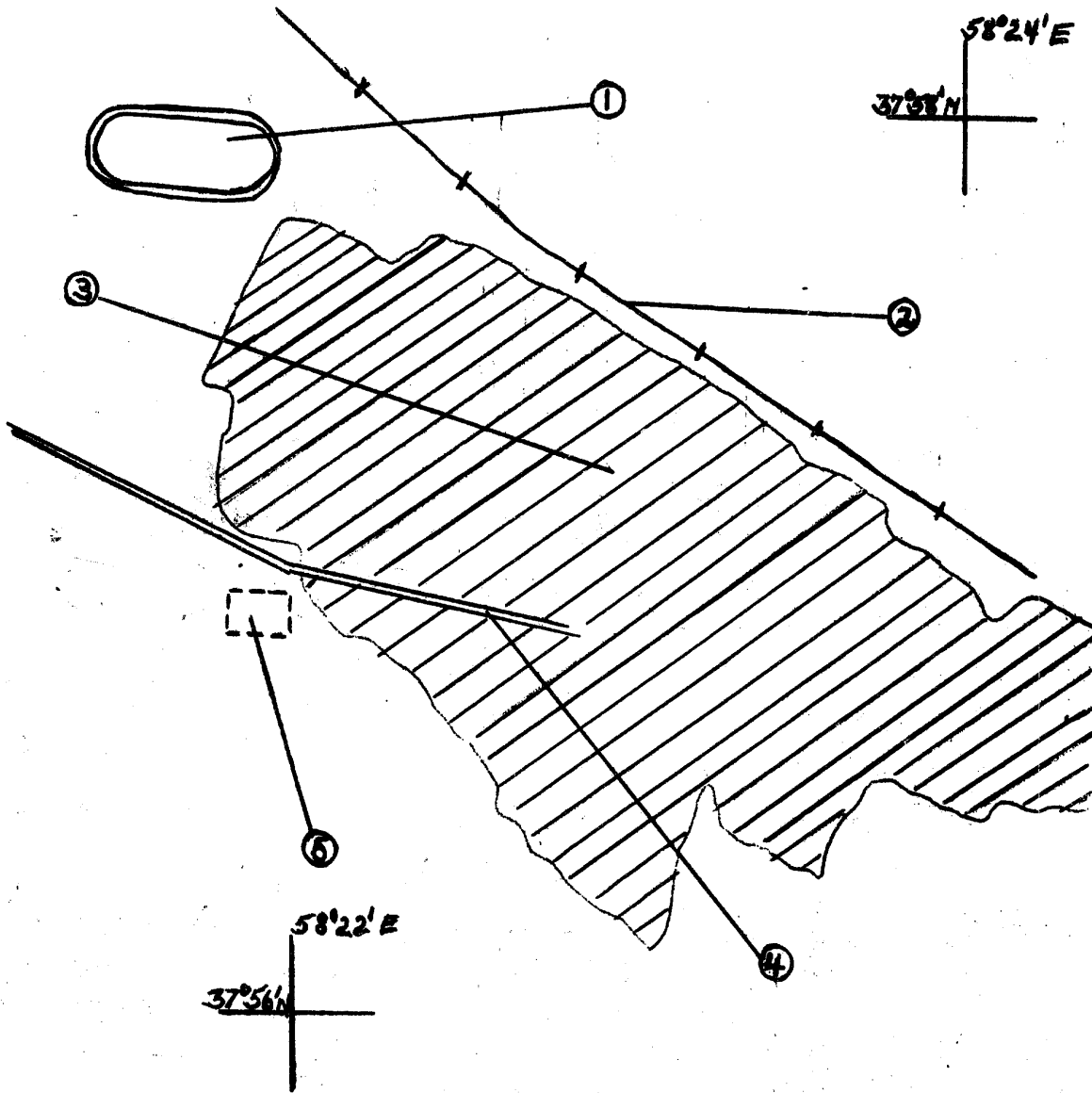
Location of Excavation Area

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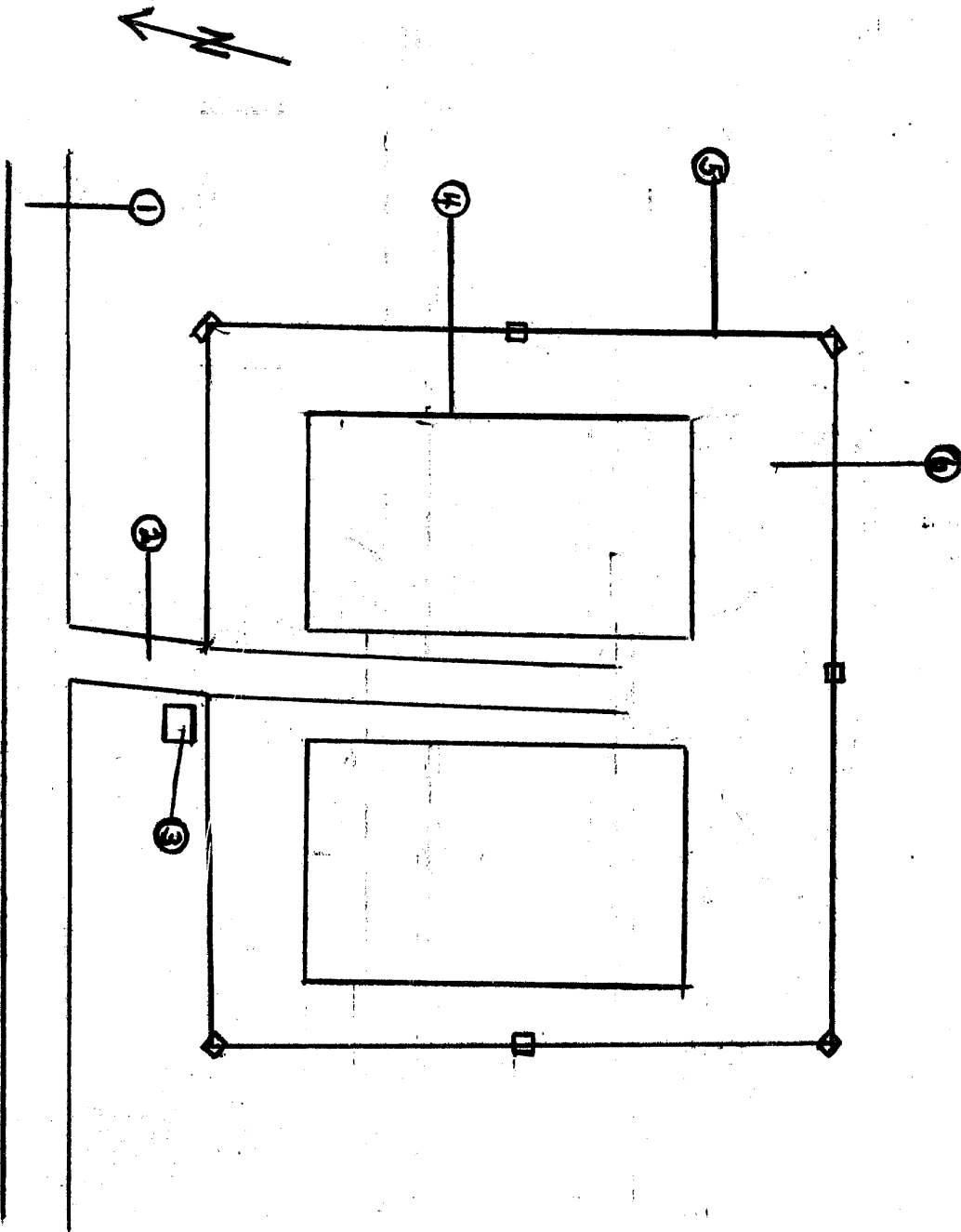
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Sketch of Ashkhabad Excavation Area



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