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1. The Coal Mine Antonin, National Corporation, is a part of the corporation Brown Coal Mines and Brickett Works (HDES - Hnedouhelne Doly a Briketarny Sokolov) in Sokolov (Falknov n Ohri). It is a surface mine and uses large excavators. The mine works in three shifts and produces 1,600 tons per shift. The major part of the coal is transported by a rubber conveyor to a power plant located near the mine. This power plant supplies the mine and the city of Sokolov (Falknov n Ohri) with electricity. The remainder of the coal is forwarded by rail to various industrial plants in Czechoslovakia. The director of the mine is a former worker, Mr. Vaclav Kucl, and the technical manager is a Soviet, Michal Andrejkiv.
2. The technical equipment of the mine and the sorting plant can not be considered modern. Nine excavators are used, three being driven by electricity and six by steam. The only modern electric excavator was made by the Skoda Works in Pilsen. The mine is connected by rail with the railway station, Citice. The mine has its own narrow-gauge railway with cars pulled by chains.
3. There are about 450 employees, of whom 40 are administrative employees, 100 are miners and the rest are unskilled workers. In addition, there are 20 apprentices who are accommodated in a boarding house at the mine. The lowest wage of an unskilled worker is three thousand crowns per month. The average wage is four thousand crowns per month. The highest wage of a specialist working with the excavator is seven thousand crowns per month. The director receives 10 thousand crowns per month. The morale of the employees is very bad due to the fast tempo of the work and the relatively low compensation. On the average, the norms of individual labor output are fulfilled by 90%.
4. About 80% of the employees are unfriendly to the regime. Communist propaganda, which consists mainly of leaflets, posters and general praise for the stakhanovites, does not seem to be very successful. Once a month, a plenary meeting of all employees takes place but this is attended by only a small number. Everyone, regardless of Party affiliation, tries to find an excuse to avoid such meetings.

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5. The guard consists of six men on duty at the gates. The militia, composed of workers armed with rifles, has 20 members on duty at night.

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Enclosure (A): Map of the City of Sokolov (Falknov n Qhri) and the Surrounding Area with Legend

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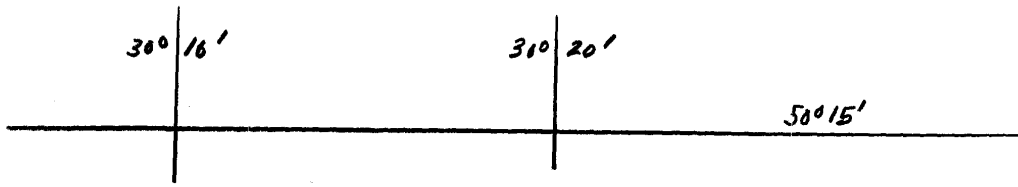
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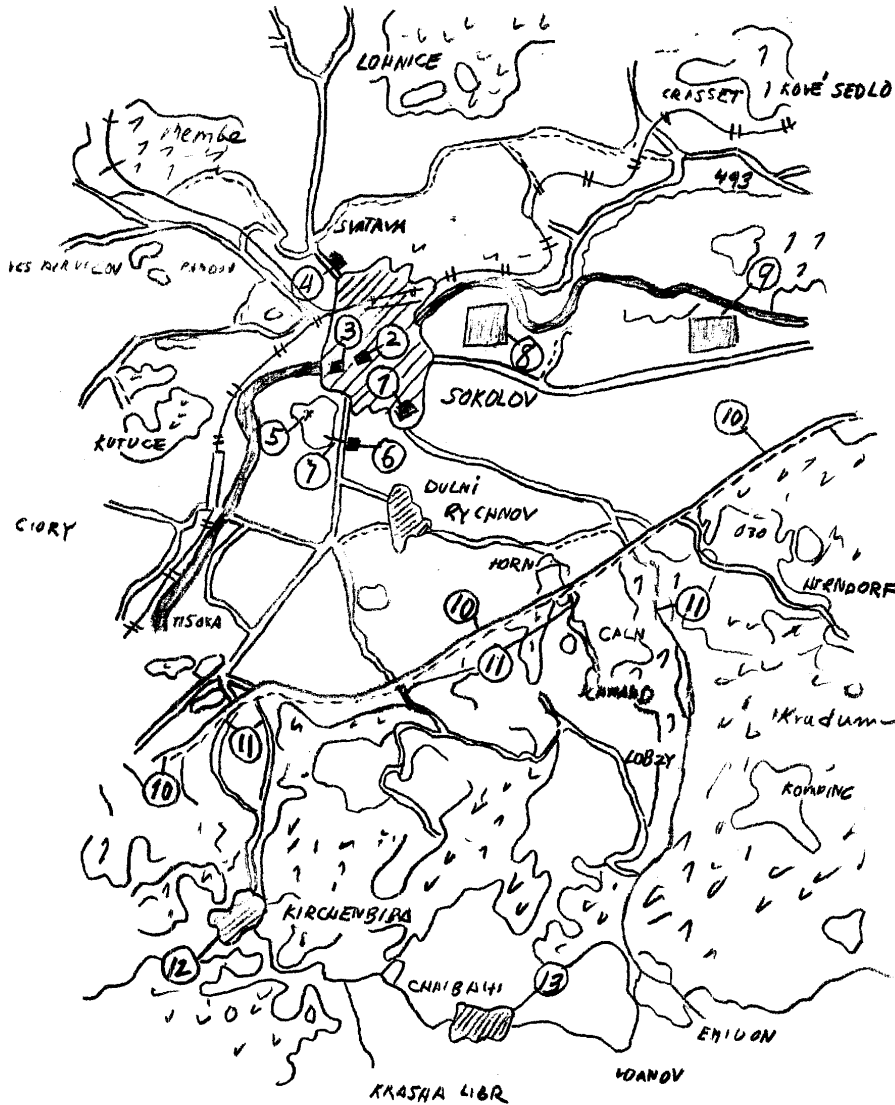
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MAP OF THE CITY OF SOKOLOV (FALKNOV N OHRI) AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITH LEGEND



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Enclosure A



Legend to Enclosure A:

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- (1) Wooden military barracks which accommodate an artillery unit and an automobile battalion.
- (2) An old castle used as barracks for an artillery unit.
- (3) Former Franciscan monastery which serves as garrison headquarters.
- (4) Brick artillery barracks.
- (5) Antonin Mine.
- (6) Power plant. A high tension wire was recently erected to Hor Slavkov.
- (7) Conveyor belt from the mine to the power plant.
- (8) Chemical plant.
- (9) Civilian airport of the Aero-Club in Sokolov. There is a wooden hangar which houses five gliders and two powered planes. The planes are used for dusting crops. The surface of the airport is covered with grass. By the end of September 1952, the airport was not yet occupied by any military unit.
- (10) Approximate boundary of the military training center. Along the boundary are signs warning the population that here the military zone begins and that entering such is strictly forbidden. The civilian population was forcibly evacuated from the area.
- (11) Roads leading to the military zone. Each road has permanent sentries.
- (12) Village of Kirchenbirk. This village was forcibly evacuated and now serves as the command of the military training camp.
- (13)  there is a military airport somewhere in the area of the military training camp.  a number of single-engine military planes landing and taking off in this area.

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