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1. The attached sketch shows the present location of the cracking plant at Moosbierbaum in relation to the refinery complex as a whole. The cracking plant is entirely of German origin and was left in storage in the Continentale Erdölgesellschaft-Lager (Conti-Lager) in Lobau. In September 1947, the Russians set their technicians to work reerecting the plant but were unable to make much progress until they called in Austrian and German technicians who had been employed at Moosbierbaum during the war. Structurally, the cracking plant is now virtually completed.
2. The Germans originally designed the cracking plant at Moosbierbaum for the processing within every twenty-four hours of sixty percent of the total production of P-oil (sic) produced by the Zistersdorf field, i.e., an approximate daily output of 900 to 1,000 tons.
3. The decision taken by the Russians to transfer the entire installation to Lobau has not been reversed so far. It is estimated that it would take at least six months to reerect the plant at Lobau. The proposed site is in the neighborhood of the Lobau pumping station at Lobau adjoining WIFO (Wirtschaftliche Forschungsgesellschaft).

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