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25X1 2. Since the war, the factory at Sabac has been reorganized, its war damages repaired, and facilities enlarged under supervision of Engineer Milan Todorovic, Director of the General Direction of Yugoslav Chemical Industries. Two large sections for the manufacture of sulfuric acid have been added. The Zorka factory now employs about 3,000 workers. Engineer Jovan Ilic, a Communist, is plant director.

25X1 3. The present output of the Zorka factory is not known, but in 1940 it produced 14,000 tons of sulfuric acid and the same amount of copper sulfate per year. Pyrite, the most important raw material used, is shipped to the factory by rail from Majdenpek, in eastern Serbia. The Zorka factory now manufactures the following chemicals, a percentage of which are exported to the Balkan countries [Redacted]

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| Copper sulfate | Barium sulfate                         |
| Sulfuric acid  | Barium carbonate                       |
| Superphosphate | Carbon disulfide (Schwefelkohlenstoff) |
| Cyanamide      | Barium chloride                        |
| Sodium sulfate | Various plant fertilizers              |
| Alum           |  |

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