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1. Secret Installations of Kosice-Hranisko

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The village of Kosice-Hranisko in Eastern Slovakia has been declared a restricted area and is being closely guarded by SNB personnel and Russian troops. [redacted] "thick-set radio antennae" being constructed in the area.

2. Expansion of the Cierna pri Cope Yards

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The Russian-gauge freight yards at Cierna pri Cope on the Slovak-Soviet frontier are constantly being extended. [redacted] 100 sets of sidings at the yard. The Czech railways possess a substantial number of freight cars with axles immediately interchangeable for both conventional and Russian-gauge tracks. Westbound traffic consists mainly of ore shipments, lesser quantities of cotton, and the much-advertised grain shipments.

3. Czech Army Purchases

A member of the Czechoslovak Army Purchasing Commission reports that foreign currency has been made available for the immediate purchase in the West of 300,000 lbs. of canned beef, a large supply of coarse needles for the sewing of uniforms at the Opatova textile works near Lucenec and at Turciansky Sv. Martin, and unspecified amounts of penicillin and streptomycin. Bulldozers and, if possible, radar equipment are also to be purchased.

4. Boot Deliveries to the USSR

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A Bata [redacted] works have so far delivered 25,000,000 pairs of boots to the Soviet Union at the price of 25 crowns per pair. The controlled price for the cheapest type of boot on the Czech market is 500 crowns; on the official free market such boots sell for 2,000 crowns.

5. Transportation of Prisoners to Russia

Jewish refugees attempting to flee to Austria by way of Slovakia are being rounded up by the SNB and turned over to the Russians. Various informants claim to have proof that Czech political prisoners are being transported to the USSR.

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6. Employment of Poles by Third Department

A member of the Third Department of the Slovak Commissariat of the Interior reports that his office has now attached to it a considerable number of officials from Poland.

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