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- 25X1X 1. [redacted] huge deposits of petroleum sands of very ancient geological formation are located in the district of the Gjanice River, between the settlements of Lalad and Patos; they cover an area of 55 square kilometers.
- 2. During the war, when these petroleum wells were being exploited by the AIP enterprise (sic - ?AIPA "Azienda Italiana di Petrolio in Albania"), various tests and soundings were carried out to establish whether it would be worthwhile to utilize these sands. For this purpose a large gallery was dug up, and testings established that there was approximately one hundred million cubic meters of this petroleum-bearing sand, and that it will produce 10 percent petroleum and benzol. A large building, to handle these tests, had been partially built prior to World War II; it had not been completed, and during the war it was completely demolished.
- 25X1X 3. [redacted] intensive testing of particles of this sand had been done during a period of close cooperation between Yugoslavia and Albania, and samples were sent to Rijeka, where tests produced positive results. [redacted] the Yugoslavs had planned to utilize this sand in the production of asphalt conglomerates, but these plans were not implemented following the Yugoslav-Albanian rift.
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