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1. The Kirovski Plant or Chelyabinski Traktorni Zavod in Chelyabinsk (55-10N, 61-25E) produced S-80 tractors with closed driver's compartments and Diesel engines of about 80 horsepower. [Redacted] at the end of 1949 the average production within 24 hours was 60 tractors. The monthly quota has been 1,600 units since December 1949. The plant also produced JS-3 tanks, some with and some without AA machine guns. [Redacted] the tanks [Redacted] en route from the plant to the practice ground or occasionally at the tank assembly shop's railroad loading ramp, where loading was mostly done in the late afternoon. [Redacted] the daily output ranged from 15 to 20 tanks at the end of 1949.**

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2. Traffic within the Kirovski Plant went by rail, truck, prime movers, and electric cars. The plant owned about 50 trucks. Incoming shipments came by rail. [Redacted] power was supplied from a plant-owned station as well as from an outside plant. [Redacted] a transformer station and a heating station within the plant grounds.***

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3. The former manager of the plant, Salzmann, was relieved in the summer or autumn of 1949 because of embezzlement charges. The plant's work force is estimated at varying figures between 45,000 and 90,000. These figures included PW's who numbered 1,500 - 1,600 in November 1949. There were still 700 PW's at the plant shortly before the general discharge of PW's. Women comprised about 40 - 50 percent of the work force. Three shifts were worked except in some small departments, where work was done in two shifts.

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4. [Redacted] the plant grounds were surrounded by a stone wall with watch towers. Armed civilian guards were within the plant. No air raid precautionary measures were noted.

Comments: [Redacted]

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**These reports prove that the tank construction department had not been moved out of the plant area as of December 1949, but remained in the building previously reported. [Redacted]

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The production of self-propelled guns and medium tanks may therefore have been suspended, at least temporarily.

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