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1. The Soviets are developing a large military depot in the area lying within the triangle formed by the cities of Ketrzyn (Rastenburg - R55/A29), Pisz (Johannisburg - R54/A54), and Orzysz (Arys - R54/A66). The Masurian Lakes in this region are frozen at this time of year, and provide natural highways for the transport of supplies into the area from the section of the USSR formerly a part of East Prussia. Among the equipment and stores being brought into the area are artillery of various calibers, with ammunition; tractors and trucks; tanks; and engineering equipment.
2. There are few inhabitants in the area, and many buildings in the cities and towns are deserted. There were at one time modern shipyards on the lakes, but these were dismantled and shipped to the Soviet Union. Now new equipment is being sent to the shipyards in order to rebuild them. Many of the fortifications in this area which were built during the last war are still in very good condition.

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