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The following is the legend to the city map of Timisoara, specifying all military and civilian installations known to source prior to 15 April 1951.

Soviet-occupied Installations.

1. Former Artillery and Cavalry Barracks, occupied by 1,200 to 1,500 tank troops.
2. Parking lot with 60 to 100 light and heavy tanks, with three-digit numbers on their turrets, including 430, and the Red Star. They belonged to the tank troops quartered in the barracks installations, item 1.
3. AA gun emplacement for 6 guns of about 75 mm, with their barrels elevated almost vertically.
4. So-called Mehala Meadows, used as drill field by Soviet troops.
5. Road blocks, guarded by Soviet sentries.
6. Former Rumanian Army bakery, occupied by 500 to 600 troops.
- 6a. Four-story building with adjoining loading ramp, used as a ration supply warehouse.
- 6b. Four-story building with adjoining loading ramp, used for the storage of motor vehicle spare parts and scrap iron.
- 6c. Brick warehouse for unidentified materiel.
7. Two AA gun emplacements with a total of 8 guns of about 75 mm, with their barrels elevated almost vertically.
8. [Redacted]
9. Main service station for Soviet troops in Timisoara, with 6 fuel tanks with a capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 liters each. Vehicles refueling there also included those coming from the direction of Arad (it 16/T 16).
10. Incompleted broadcasting station with a flat roof, built before the war, housing a Soviet headquarters, probably a unit headquarters. Officers and women in uniform were observed. Communications existed between the headquarters and the troops in the barracks installations, item 1.
11. Prewar underground fuel containers. No activity observed there.
12. Low wooden barracks buildings being constructed by Soviet soldiers.
13. Two-story factory building, probably housing a repair shop.

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- 13a. Brick building. Use not determined.
- 13b. Five sheds. Use not determined.
14. AA gun emplacement for 7 to 10 AA guns with the barrels resting on supports when the guns were not in firing position.
15. Parking lot with about 60 light and heavy tanks.
16. Motor vehicle parking lot with 30 to 40 trucks of [REDACTED]
17. Former Rumanian officer candidate school housing a few soldiers in one section of the building. The school was being torn down.
- 17a. Installation quartering 500 to 600 Soviet AAA troops.
18. Hospital.
19. Old three-story barracks installation, situated just east of the old fortress wall, occupied by about 400 troops.
- 19a. About 10 AA guns with the barrels resting on supports when the guns were not in firing position, the guns were coupled to trucks.
- 19b. Two AA guns emplaced on a small hill.
- 19c. Parking lot with about 25 trucks of the [REDACTED]
20. Former Lenau Barracks, occupied by about 1,000 troops. In the billeting area from 6 to 10 mortars with round base plates mounted on two-wheel chassis with pneumatic tires, were observed. There were also an undetermined number of trucks parked in the open because there were no garages available. Motor vehicles from this installation were seen in the traffic to the parking lot, item 8a.
- 20a. Three-story building.
- 20b. Two-story building.
- 20c. One-story building.
- 20d. Target range.
- 20e. Small athletic field.
21. Former Koenig Ferdinand Barracks, consisting of a three-story building, occupied by an undetermined number of troops. Troops seen leaving the installation generally went to the barracks installations, item 1. One day, two companies marched out.
22. Former 5th Rifle Regt Barracks, consisting of two three-story buildings which quartered 400 to 500 troops who wore tank insignia. This installation was on both sides of St. Joan Street, which was blocked to traffic. Troops received rifle drill there.
23. Journalists' club, used by the Germans as military post headquarters during the war, now Soviet post headquarters. Most of the personnel seen there were officers.
24. Residential block, occupied by officers who were seen in traffic to item 19.
25. Villa, billeting about 50 officers who were seen walking to item 19.
26. Former Rumanian officers' club. On the occasion of parades on Liberty Square, the troops were addressed by their commander from the club building's balcony.
27. Former Rumanian corps headquarters, housing the Soviet headquarters for all troops in the Lenau.
28. Ration supply warehouses, predominately for meat and beer supplied by the city of Timisoara.
29. Billets for not less than 100 officers of the Soviet Security Service.
30. Offices of the Soviet Security Service with antennae on the roof of the building and numerous telephone lines converging there from various directions; heavy traffic of personnel, including civilians, and vehicles day and night. Timisoara residents said that persons arrested were taken there, and referred to the building as GPU headquarters. Wooden garages were located east of the building.
31. Teba cotton mill, working under the supervision of a Soviet manager and delivering 90 percent of its output to the U.S.S.R.
32. Target range with high embankments, and an AA gun emplacement with five AA guns and a crew of about 50 soldiers, situated behind the so-called Hunting Forest, which is not entered on the map.
33. Airfield under construction.
34. AA gun emplacement with 7 AA guns.

Buildings which are marked as Soviet-occupied but not provided with reference numbers are officers' billets. Soviet women and children were seldom seen at these billets. Source believed that only high-ranking

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officers had their dependents living with them. There was no Soviet dependents' school in Timisoara.

Rumanian Installations.

35. Communist Party building in the suburb of Mehala.
36. Military radio station with two antenna masts.
37. Former Rumanian military court, consisting of a three-story barracks building, now housing the Securitate court.
38. Motor vehicle repair shop for army and civilian vehicles.
39. Two-story villa-like building with large balcony, housing the Securitate headquarters.
40. Former newspaper printing press now housing the Communist Party printing office.
41. Militia office.
42. Militia headquarters.
43. Communist Party apprentice school. Students wore darkgray uniforms and visor-type caps.
44. Administration building of the Timis Torontal district.
45. Two villas housing the Communist Youth organization headquarters.
46. Office of the Communist Women League.
47. Securitate office with a jail for prisoners on remand, formerly the German consulate.
48. Military recruiting center, occupied by guard units of about 200 men who wore dark-brown service color.
49. Communist Party central committee, formerly the German banking association.
50. Barracks installation with troops affiliated with the guard unit in the building under item 43.
51. Old fortress barracks, housing the Banat Museum.
52. Old Transylvanian Barracks, consisting of a two-story fortress-like structure which was partly torn down. The remaining buildings were used for the storage of food supplies by the Alimentara Aprozar Food Supply Company. From there, potatoes and vegetables were hauled to Soviet units on Rumanian vehicles. The old riding school was located in the rear section of the installation.
53. Garages for Communist Party vehicles, with space adequate for about 30 motor vehicles.
54. Villa with offices for Rumanian officers, requisitioned in March 1951.
55. Securitate traffic control offices where travel permits to the border area were issued.
56. Barracks installation, occupied by about 100 Securitate personnel with an undetermined number of motorcycles and motor vehicles.
57. Militia office in the Elisabethstadt sector.
58. Military fire department with three fire trucks in the Josefstadt sector of the city.
59. Military fire department with five fire trucks.
60. Communist Party office for the city section of Fabrikstadt, formerly the House of Social Democrats.
61. Large stables for mounted Securitate and militia personnel, formerly army stables.
62. Airfield used by the TARS Civilian Airlines Corporation and the Securitate.

Industrial Installations.

63. Romitex textile factory, predominantly working on Soviet orders.
64. Four gasoline containers, each with a capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 liters, and a lubricating oil station (not necessarily Soviet as shown on Annex.)
65. Five gasoline containers, each with a capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 liters, and a mineral oil station.
66. Machine factory producing spare parts for farm machinery.
67. Oil cake factory under construction.
68. State distillery, supplying Soviet troops and Rumanian state...

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69. Erlich and Auschoner textile factory.
70. Match factory.
71. Scherk textile factory and weaving mill.
72. Water tower.
73. Tobacco factory, reconstructed except for the building on the bank of the Bega River. The plant does not supply the Soviets.
74. Newly constructed machine factory, the I.M.B. (Industria Metalurgica Banat) Plant, comprising several shops for the manufacture of machine parts and silos for the storage of grain and seed. The entire plant which previously included the Bega Mill, was destroyed and its reconstruction has not yet been completed.
75. Hat factory.
76. Somoly ice plant.
77. Herzog textile factory and weaving mill.
78. 1st Banat Weaving Mill.
79. Herzog textile factory No 2.
80. Former Mecher factory manufacturing tin utensils for the U.S.S.R. New buildings were added to the factory in 1950.
81. Petru Croza textile factory.
82. Electromotor factory, a branch factory of the Dynamo State Enterprise.
83. Slaughterhouse with ice factory, canning factory, large cold storage plant, and railroad spur.
84. Sunflower oil factory with a 5,000-liter cistern and a railroad spur.
85. Prima Banat shoe factory, formerly Dermata shoe factory.
86. Gorba leather factory.
87. Chemical plant for the production of chromium and fireproof hearth plates.
88. Buzias steam mill.
89. Tanara chemical plant which produces paints and chemical products for the leather industry.
90. Techno Metall plant, formerly the Borzak wire-works, producing gasoline drums, hospital beds and wire works, predominantly for military purposes. The plant was greatly enlarged in 1949 and 1950.
91. Tinisoara silk spinning mill.
92. Teta tape factory.
93. Igna chemical dye house.
94. Elba Electro-Banat battery factory, formerly Dura factory.
95. Tinisoara brewery.
96. Banat steam mill in the city sector of Fabrikstadt.
97. Ice plant.
98. I.R.P. (Industria Romana de Piele) leather factory with two large sackstacks.
99. Schlosser leather factory.
100. Woolen industry, large wool spinning and weaving factory, and large athletic field with swimming pool.
101. Ocsko Terezia hosiery mill, formerly Standart factory.
102. Vulcan rubber factory.
103. George Doja 1st Banat sackcloth factory and Kawe rubber band factory.
104. 1st Banat glove factory.
- 104a. Water tower of the glove factory.
105. Stefan Mevec shoe factory, formerly Filt factory.
106. I.R.P. (Industria Romana de Piele) leather factory, formerly Sarovann factory.
107. Three gasoline containers, each with a capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 liters, and a mineral oil dump.

Public and Miscellaneous Installations.

108. Broadcasting station under construction, with one radio tower completed and a second tower still under construction.
109. Wooden shed for the storage of grain, built on concrete posts.

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- 110. Wooden shed for the storage
- 110. New athletic field for employees of the Rumanian State Railways, constructed in 1950.
- 111. Locomotive roundhouses and locomotive workshop.
- 112. Railroad workshops, partly reconstructed.
- 113. Reconstructed railroad signal tower; the track system has not been enlarged.
- 114. Railroad storage shed and customs office, without ramps, built in 1949.
- 115. Freight yard offices.
- 116. Billets for train personnel.
- 117. Main railroad station without loading ramps, under reconstruction.
- 118. Railroad offices in an old building of the main railroad station.
- 119. Reconstructed hospital for children.
- 120. Clinic for children.
- 121. Hospital of a Humane Society.
- 122. State department store, former Teisspalais.
- 123. Nationalized hospital and church of the Brothers of Mercy Order.
- 124. Municipal hospital.
- 125. School and church of the Piarists.
- 126. Communist youth center.
- 127. Stalin Park, formerly Studier Park.
- 128. New Rumanian cathedral with four small steeples and a large tower in the center.
- 129. Capitol motion picture theater.
- 130. Telephone and telegraph exchange, built in 1947.
- 131. Town hall, formerly commercial school. The town hall was on Primaria Street, prior to 1948.
- 132. State opera house.
- 133. Office for Planned Economy for the Timis Torontal district, formerly on Primaria Street.
- 134. Serbian church with two steeples.
- 135. Unirii Square.
- 136. Cathedral with two steeples.
- 137. Protestant church with a steeple in the center.
- 138. State department store.
- 139. Court and finance office building which, with a prominent wooden structure on top of the roof, is the highest look-out in Timisoara. During the war, it was used as fire watchtower.
- 140. Court jail.
- 141. Main building of the Rumanian People's Bank.
- 141a. Branch agency of the People's Bank for Industrial Enterprises, formerly a department store.
- 141b. Branch agency of the People's Bank for Agricultural Enterprises.
- 142. Main post-office.
- 143. State clinic and sanatorium, formerly Freund sanatorium.
- 144. Medical college.
- 145. Streetcar depot with sheds containing four Italian-type busses.
- 145a. Streetcar repair shops. Timisoara had 6 streetcar lines and 2 bus lines in operation. Modern streetcars were introduced in May 1950.
- 146. Fabrik railroad station.
- 147. Freight yard shed with a ramp of about 50 meters entered from the long side. All military shipments were loaded over this ramp. No new ramps were observed under construction.
- 148. Electrica sporting grounds.
- 149. Dr. Babeş epidemic hospital.
- 150. Railroad repair shops for cars, built in 1947.
- 151. Casa Verde, former royal hunting lodge near the Hunting Forest.
- 152. Locks for the power station at the Bega Canal.
- 153. Bega power plant.
- 154. Municipal swimming pool.

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155. Prewar postal telegraph station with two antennas, 30 to 35 meters high.
156. People's swimming pool, formerly Neptun swimming pool.
157. State depot for ironware, predominantly agricultural implements, formerly fortuna department store.
158. Serbian church with one steeple.
159. Old Rumanian cathedral with four small steeples, in the city sector of Fabrikstadt.
160. Apollo motion picture theater.
161. People's park, formerly Luna Park.
162. Main power plant with 3 large steam boilers, one large smokestack, and two short, broad, iron smokestacks.
163. Catholic Milineus Church with two high steeples, located on Coroniei Square in the city sector of Fabrikstadt.
164. Reformed Lutheran Church with a small steeple in the city sector of Fabrikstadt.
165. Street-cleaning office.
166. Bega sanatorium.
167. Catholic church with two high steeples in the city sector of Elisabethstadt.
168. Technical college.
169. State sanatorium, former Calitarius sanatorium.
170. Main administration building of Rumanian Railways.
171. Old Rumanian church on Kucette Square in the city sector of Josefstadt.
172. Cooperative bakery, formerly Oesterreicher's bakery.
173. New hospital, built in 1950.
174. State sanatorium, formerly Cerkon sanatorium.
175. Notre Dame Church with two steeples.
176. Building of the Notre Dame nunnery, nationalized and used as school.
177. Catholic church with one steeple in the city sector of Josefstadt.
178. Arta motion picture theater, formerly Regal theater.
179. Bega customs office and transfer point of freight goods from ship to railroad.
180. Double-track railroad bridge across the Bega canal. All bridges across the Bega canal in the city area were undamaged. The canal had an average width of 15 meters. Tugboats from the direction of Yugoslavia came as far as the former Bega Mill, item 74.
181. Rumanian church in the suburb of Pchala. \*

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ment. Compare with previous statements by the same source on Timisoara and on troops in the Banat and other parts of Rumania. [REDACTED]

The present report indicates that, of the Soviet-occupied installations, item 27 may house a high-echelon headquarters, probably a division headquarters; item 1 probably one or, possibly, two medium tank regiments; and item 20, a heavy tank self-propelled regiment and, possibly, also a motorized rifle regiment. Taking into consideration that source saw Soviet officers with tank insignia in Arad and that, therefore, a tank unit, possibly a regiment, may be located there, it can be concluded that a Soviet tank division is located in the Banat. It is possible that, following the movement of the 2d Gds Lecz Div to south-eastern Hungary in the fall of 1949 and/or spring of 1950, a tank division from central or eastern Rumania was stationed in the Banat. It cannot be determined whether this tank division is the 19th Tank Div which was last identified in Rumania in 1947. The present report also indicates that item 172 quartered from 500 to 600 AAA troops with 4.5 AA guns, including not less than 17 heavy guns with supports for the barrels, and 1 1/2 x 76-mm guns. These figures are indicative of two regiments of an AAA division. Such a division has long been carried in Rumania, but its location has not been previously determined.

1 Annex: 1 blueprint.

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