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1. Production at the Arsa (Rasa) Coal Mines in Istria has reportedly fallen off for two principal reasons; first, because the mine workers feel reluctant about going down into the mines owing to frequent cave-ins,<sup>1</sup> and second, because of an incompetent managerial staff. In view of the fact that such a large number of mine workers has remained absent from the mines on various pretexts, the UDB was reportedly ordered to intervene at Arsa. Approximately 900 Croats have allegedly been recruited as miners; half of these individuals will be sent to the Arsa Coal Mines, and the rest to the Ratkovica (sic) Mines. These men were reportedly offered travel expenses to the mines, free meals, and additional compensation for having to be separated from their families. The men who agreed to work at the Arsa Coal Mines will reportedly receive an extra daily bonus of sixty dinars.
2. The Istra (Military Construction) Enterprise at Pulj has reportedly drawn up plans for the construction of a coke plant to process the coal extracted from the Arsa Coal Mines. Throughout the Arsa coal basin, mining surveyors are allegedly exploring for new coal beds. Intense activity has been observed in the Pican and Podlabin area, where the Italian company which formerly owned the fields has already discovered new coal beds.<sup>2</sup> Mine managers purportedly plan to sink new shafts in this area by mid-1952.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: Your attention is called to [REDACTED] which reported frequent cave-ins at the Arsa Coal Mines in Istria, and the introduction of a method to prevent the same. For additional information on these mines, see [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment: Your attention is called to [REDACTED] which reported the opening of a new mine at Pican. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the existence of new coal mines at Podlabin and Picnija in Istria. Picnija may be identical with Pican.

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