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25X1 1. Location:

The DAZ motor vehicle plant is about four miles south of DNEPROPETROVSK, Ukrainian SSR, some miles west of the Dnepr River. A plant for car-bodies was about half a mile south of the plant. For location see Annex.

25X1 2. Plant Installation:

[redacted] the plant construction was started in late 1944. Spur tracks were extended to the plant area and foundations for two big workshops were concreted in 1945. The workshops were completed by September 1947. Machinery was installed and the other factory construction was pushed so that the foundations for four additional workshops were completed by the end of April 1948. At that time the plant covered an area of about 6,000x5,000 feet, which presumably increased. The workshops, with flat roofs and skylights, were 900x240x42 feet. [redacted] the construction and materials were poor. Most of the machines came from Germany. They were in an excellent condition. [redacted] the machinery had been dismantled in an Opel plant in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The town it came from was not remembered. Railroad tracks led into the two completed workshops. There was no power production in the plant.

3. Work Force:

About 1,500 men, mostly PWs, working at the plant construction.

4. Production:

Production had not started by the end of April 1948.

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25X1A [] Comment:

a. It is known from other records that some workshops of the DNEPROPETROVSK motor vehicle plant were constructed during the German occupation, but were destroyed with the retreat of German troops. The construction of the new plant on the same site started about early 1945.

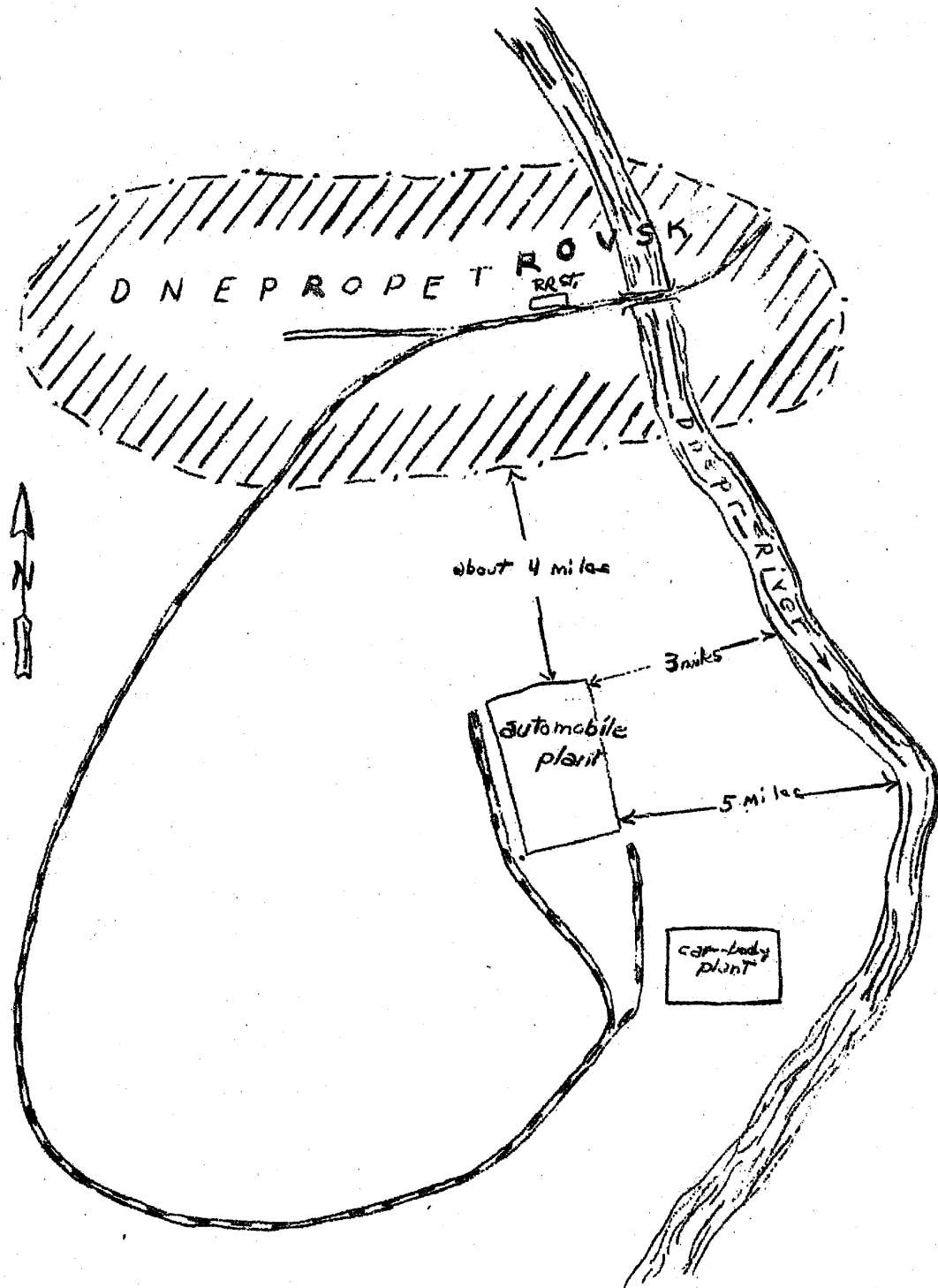
b. This report locates the plant too far south. Other corresponding records report the location two miles south of the town borders. An exact pinpointing of the location was not possible.

c. The car-body plant to the south of the motor vehicle plant has not been clarified. [] the plant 25X1 had two sections, the main automobile plant and an auxiliary plant, which are about one and a half miles apart. [] 25X1 possibly mistook the southern plant for a separate factory.

d. Additional information is required to clarify location, layout and type of construction of the plant.

1 Annex: Automobile Plant DNEPROPETROVSK.

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