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REMARKS _____

25X1 1. As of March 1951, the former Hilbert Mill in Reichenbach (P 51/H 27) housed a Soviet military supply office under Soviet military management. The mill was in the center of the town on the north bank of the Peile Brook and on the east side of the road to Langenbielau (P 51/H 27). It consisted of a multi-story millhouse, a three-story storage building with a shipping office, another storage building with a grain washing plant, about 20 steel silos, and several administration buildings with garages and repair shops. The Hilbert Mill was guarded by Soviet soldiers and, according to a Pole employed at the mill, was subordinate to a Soviet economic headquarters in Schweidnitz (P 51/H 18). Officers of the Soviet Army and Air Force were seen near the Hilbert Mill. Prior to March 1951, there were 100 to 200 Polish and German employees. Some of the German workers were to be replaced by Poles. *

25X1 2. _____ the daily capacity was 200 tons. Raw materials came from the Soviet Zone of Germany and other areas. Several railroad cars of rice with Chinese inscriptions on the bags, were seen. The mill was powered by electricity and had a railroad spur track. _____ most of the production of the mill was used to supply Soviet troops in Germany. Some of the output went to Minsk on railroad cars which had Soviet inscriptions.

3. As of March 1951, a guarded installation of low brick and wooden buildings, garages and repair shops was observed in the northern edge of Reichenbach, between the roads to Bertholdsdorf (P 51/H 27) and Dreissighuben (P 51/H 27). Starting about June 1950, the installation was continuously guarded by Polish militia and Polish youths. Restoration work started at the same time. No details as to number and capacity of the buildings were known. The road frontage of the installation was about 500 meters. No occupation was observed as of early March 1951.

25X1 Comment. The information that the Hilbert Mill in Reichenbach was controlled by an economic headquarters in Schweidnitz supports the previous belief that a hitherto unidentified high-echelon Soviet Army headquarters in Schweidnitz is a supply agency. The Schweidnitz military post is almost exclusively occupied by Soviet air force units.

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