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1. Defenses in the Bay of Gdansk (Danzig) are concentrated in three main defense areas<sup>1</sup> which have been planned under the direction of Admiral Barykadow. Two defense areas, that at Redlowo, between Gdynia and Sopot, and that in the area near the city of Hel on the Hel Peninsula, have already been completed, but the third area, which is located east of Gdansk near Krynica Morska on the Mierzeja Wislana (Frische Nehrung) peninsula is still under construction.
2. These defense areas are all being equipped with approximately the same type of equipment, and each will be armed with Soviet 130 mm. artillery guns, placed in fortified and concealed positions, and with about twelve 80 mm. anti-aircraft guns. The areas also will have underground munitions depots, electric power plants, and communications systems. The area at Redlowo can only be supplied from the sea, and a new pier has been constructed for unloading equipment for the area. A small cog railroad is being laid from the pier to the almost 100 meter high cliffs which border this area of the coast, and underground tunnels have been dug to connect this supply line with the various artillery positions, depots, and power plants which make up the Redlowo defense area. The Hel defense area is supplied by rail. [ ] 25X1 [ ] no information on the method which will be used for supplying Krynica Morska.
3. It is expected that these three areas of long range artillery will check the approach of enemy ships into the Bay of Gdansk. Other such defense areas are or will be constructed on the coastline between Darlowo (Ruegenwalde) and Wolin Island.
4. Between 25 and 30 October 1951, a joint Army-Navy commission, which included both Polish and Soviet officers, inspected an area of the Polish coastline near Ustka (Stolpmuende). This area commences about ten

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kilometers west of Ustka and is characterized by cliffs which rise about thirty meters above the sea. The cliffs extend for about three kilometers to the west, where they come to a stop at Lake Wiecko (Vietzker See), forming a shelter for the eastern sector of the lake and protecting it from observation from the Baltic Sea. The land between the coastal elevation and the lake is forested. [redacted] the special commission arrived in the area from Szczecin (Stettin), and was joined by Marshal Rokossowski and unnamed Soviet generals for one day during its examination of the region. It is expected that coastal artillery emplacements will be constructed in this region, but no work has yet been started here. 25X1

5. A unit of about 800 Polish paratroopers is quartered in former German barracks in a small forest near Gdansk-Brzezno. It is thought that this unit has been newly organized. Men are trained in jumping techniques from a fifteen meter high tower which is located in the area.

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The factory for manufacture of gunpowder which is located near Bydgoszcz is now employing more than 1,000 persons. Some workers are quartered in newly constructed barracks and houses located near the factory, but others are transported to the factory from Bydgoszcz in buses. A branch of the local railroad will extend from the powder factory to the Bydgoszcz railroad, and a second line will connect the factory with Trzcinniec (P54/S84), on the Bydgoszcz-Inowroclaw railroad.

- 25X1 25X1 1. [ ] Comment: [ ] may be referring to the ammunitions plant at Legnowo, which other information stated was camouflaged by the name United Chemical Industrial Plant, but is producing gunpowder.

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