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Partisans

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1. [redacted] little [redacted] partisan activities except for one much talked of incident which occurred in Lielaucē (56-28N, 23-55E), north of Auce, in 1950 when forty partisans, German and Latvian, were surrounded by Russians and eliminated. Half of the Russian troops and all the partisans are reported to have been killed. Farmers who had given assistance to the partisans were deported.

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2. There was an istreibitell division in Auce, which was inactive [redacted]. Its members worked at other jobs but were supposed to be on call.

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Deportations

3. The largest deportations in Latvia were in March 1949, but only one person, a kulak, was deported from Vitini at that time. One member of the family [redacted] had [redacted] been deported. The family received a letter in April 1951 from an MTS station in Omsk saying that it was extremely cold, that no heat was provided in the bare huts in which the deportees lived, and that food was scarce and bad. It is permitted to send and receive letters and packages from the deportees but not to visit them. In March 1951, [redacted] 75 wagons of deportees traveling through Auce from the direction of Saldus.

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4. [redacted] one deportee [redacted] returned from Siberia with false documents which he had obtained for 500 rubles from a Communist party official and settled in another area from that in which he had previously lived. [redacted]

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Postal Communications

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5. Letters sent within Latvia are not checked [redacted] and cost [redacted]

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twenty kopecks. A letter to Riga from Vitini takes two days. Letters to Siberia take one week, cost fifty kopecks, and are believed to be controlled. Packages may be sent within the USSR up to the weight of five kilograms and cost two rubles.

Telephones

6. There are no private telephones in the area of Vitini, and the only ones available are in the kolkhoz administration.

General

- 25X1 7. The village of Vitini is divided into two kolkhozy consisting of 40 houses each. The houses are separate at present, but [redacted] the Soviets planned to build central apartments and offices for the kolkhozy and destroy or move the scattered houses.
- 25X1 8. No Russians worked in the kolkhozy in Vitini, although the majority of the workers in nearby sovkhozy were Russian. Many Russians worked in the mill in Auce, because it served as a control point for Latvians submitting the required amount of grain to the state and provided a good opportunity for graft. In addition to the mill, Auce's main industry is a wool factory. It also has an MTS station and a hospital with one Latvian doctor and two nurses. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] medical care and hospitalization were free, but not medicine.

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