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Attached are 10 photographs of various places in Minsk. 

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- a. Photograph No. 1: Source stated that the name of the street in this picture was prospekt imeni Stalina; it had previously been named Sovetskaya ulitsa.<sup>1</sup> He thought that the building in the left foreground of the photograph was the MVD headquarters of the Belorussian SSR.
- b. Photograph No. 2: Prospekt imeni Stalina. The MVD headquarters of the Belorussian SSR was located in the building with the tower, in the right center of the photograph.
- c. Photograph No. 3: A Russian Orthodox church on Sovetskaya ulitsa, which was located a short distance west of the Government House Dom pravitelstva of the Republic.
- d. Photograph No. 4: The large building with the tower was used to quarter railroad workers. Various shops, stores, and restaurants were located on the ground floor, and apartments were located on the other floors.
- e. Photograph No. 5: The building under construction is the new Profsoyuz building. With the exception of finishing work on the outside, this building was practically completed, but unoccupied,
- f. Photograph No. 6: In this photograph, the building with the towers is a former Catholic church. The towers had been removed, and, in  several stories were being added to the building.
- g. Photograph No. 7: The building covered by trees on the left of the photograph was once called Dom Krasnoy armii /Red Army Club/ but is now called Dom ofitserov /Officers' Club/ /see sketch/.

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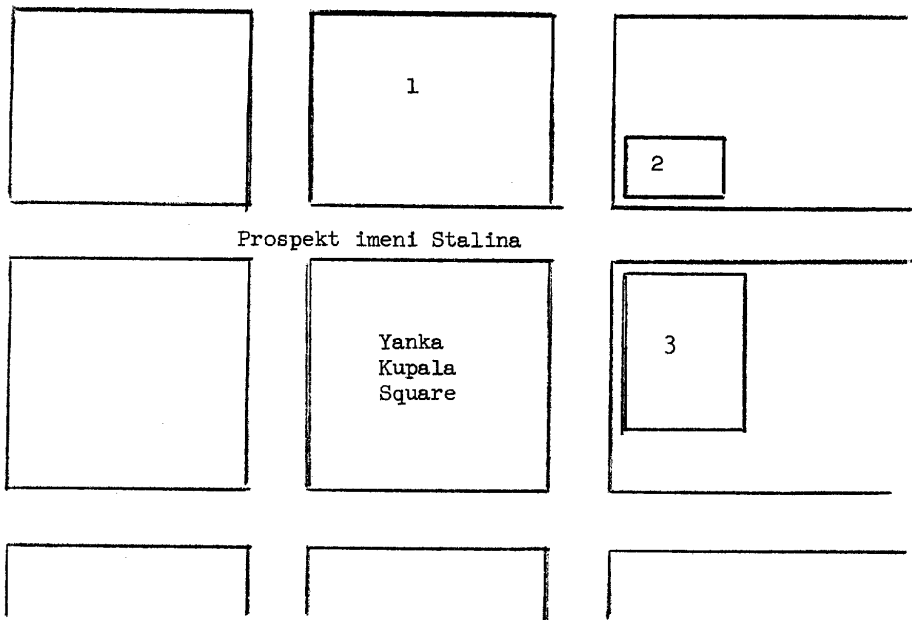
- h. Photograph No. 8: Buildings on prospekt imeni Stalina. The building at the far end of the street ( the building marked with an X on the photograph) was the new location of the Profsoyuz [see sketch].
- i. Photograph No. 9: This is a statue of Stalin, located across the street from Yanka Kupala Square [see sketch].
- j. Photograph No. 10: This is the same statue of Stalin as the one in photograph No. 9. 50X1
- 1.  Comment: It cannot be determined from the original material whether source meant that all of Sovetskaya ulitsa had been renamed prospekt imeni Stalina or whether only a part of it had been so renamed.

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Sketch of a Section in Minsk



- 1. Statue of Stalin erected in the middle of an asphalted city black.
- 2. Profsoyuz building under construction  50X1
- 3. Officers' Club.

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