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1. [REDACTED] the largest underground movement at the present time is in the Ukraine. [REDACTED] There are about 100 thousand people engaged in underground activity there today.
2. In Lithuania and Poland there are active underground movements, but they are operating on a smaller scale than those in the Ukraine. In Lithuania and Ukraine the underground are in possession of small arms and they have some tanks.
3. In Latvia and Estonia the underground activity is being carried out on a smaller scale than the others. There is a definite connection between the guerrilla activity and the underground in those countries. In Latvia and Estonia, where the land is flat and not heavily forested, guerrilla bands usually operate in groups of 10 or 20 because there is difficulty in finding adequate cover and protection for larger groups. The underground in Latvia and Estonia are in possession of small arms which they have taken from the Communists.

[REDACTED] the Soviets have deported an estimated 600 thousand or 700 thousand former Estonian land owners to the USSR (Siberia). They have brought Soviet peoples to Estonia to replace them. The city of Tallin is said to have doubled in size since the Soviets began moving people in. Both in Tartu and Tallin at least 50% of the inhabitants are now Russian-speaking people. Many of the people brought into Estonia by the Soviets are believed to be Mongols. These people have not only taken over the homes formerly owned by Estonians, but they have assumed the names of the Estonians who lived there. The Soviets who have moved into the farm areas are directing the collective farms.

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before 1946 there was hardly any noticeable anti-US and anti-British propaganda in the USSR, but that suddenly in 1946 a tremendous campaign was launched against the Western countries. [redacted] the sudden burst of anti-US propaganda was the beginning of the psychological preparation for war which is now going on in the USSR. [redacted] there was no discernible underground movement in the region of Odessa. [redacted] The reason for this [redacted] was that everyone was afraid to assume the leadership for such activity, and that as a result nothing was being done to combat Bolshevism.

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[redacted] the Northern Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Company in Tallin. This was a large plant with a working capital of 11 million Kroons (US\$3 or 4 million). [redacted] the Soviets nationalized all private property and replaced the directors of large business concerns with Communists. The changeover at the pulp company was very simple. A Communist who had formerly been a bookkeeper in the Forestry Department was selected to act as director of the plant, and he was brought in to work with the former director for about one month. At the end of that time the director was relieved of all of his duties at the factory by the former bookkeeper. The plant had formerly employed many Germans and Jews, and since these people had been called back to Germany, the personnel at the plant was all new at the time of the changeover. Working conditions were very bad at that time. The factory was destroyed by the Communists when the Germans approached in 1941.

7. 8. The Great Deportation from all the Baltic states to the USSR occurred on the night of 13 Jun 41. Soviet trucks went up and down the streets stopping at various houses and gathering up the inhabitants. All the men who were deported were separated from their wives and children. They were all put into cattle cars and moved out of Estonia.

an Estonian ship (the Eestirand) which was ordered to Leningrad. The captain of the ship was an Estonian, and there were 4 thousand Estonian men crowded aboard to be taken to the USSR. Twenty or 30 Soviets, armed with machine guns, policed the ship. [redacted] German and Finnish planes bombed the ship. About 500 men were killed in the attack, and the ship was badly damaged. The captain managed somehow to steer the ship to the nearby island of Prangli. [redacted] remained on the island for about 10 days, and [redacted] got back to Estonia. [redacted] the Germans had taken the country.

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