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2. [] an article in a Soviet newspaper ("Sovetskiy Soyuz") concerning the construction of a hydroelectric plant at Ust'Kamenogorsk /N 49-58, E 82-40/ on the Irtysh River. 1. [] the article [] was printed in small print in an inconspicuous part of the newspaper. The article simply stated that "There was now electricity for the workers at Ust'Kamenogorsk". [] suspicions were aroused at the insignificant attention drawn to such an important event. [] all news of hydroelectric enterprises are printed along with great amounts of propaganda and in heavy black print on the front page. "Ust'Kamenogorsk is an unimportant city of 50,000 people"; [] concluded that the plant was built for reasons other than to supply electricity to its inhabitants.

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3. The article on the hydroelectric plant also pointed out that construction was carried through in spite of severe weather conditions without interruption.

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4. [] this hydroelectric power plant was built in connection with the "atomic problem". No further information.

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1. [] Comment: Geography of the USSR, a Regional Survey, by Theodore Shabad, Columbia University Press, New York, 1951, page 347, reports the existence of a large hydroelectric plant on the Irtysh near Ust'Kamenogorsk.

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