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Nibelungenwerke, St. Valentin

1. The Russian civilian workers, whose number is not large, are quartered partly in the town and partly in a camp in the Herzograd woods which covers an area of 2 ½ x 1 ½ km. To the south of a rail line which cuts through the woods in a northeast-southwest direction are camps 1,2,3 and other buildings which were constructed by the Todt organization. Truck repair workshops were formerly located in this central part of the woods; at the present time, these buildings appear to serve the same purpose, since towed trucks have been observed along the road St. Valentin - Langenhart - Herzograd Woods. Entry into the woods by civilians is forbidden either by the railway line or at other points of access. The Austrian workmen employed at the factory site do not go to the workshops in the woods. There appears to be no relation between the work in progress at these two places.

2. This winter, as well as last winter, observed German Tiger and Panther tanks and Russian field guns loaded onto cars on the St. Valentin railway. 50X1-HUM armament production is not in progress in the St. Valentin plant, but only repair work on cars, trucks, tanks, and field guns. 50X1-HUM countless vehicles which were too wrecked to be brought over the Enns and stood about for several months have now disappeared. It is improbable that new work is taking place, since the buildings are too small; furthermore, the transport of the necessary material would have been spotted.

3. Besides a few Russians in executive positions, there are 600-700 Austrian workers.

4. It has been confirmed that agricultural machinery is being manufactured.

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Floridsdorfer Lokomotiv Fabrik, Vienna XXI

5. The concern was requisitioned by the Russians, who removed machinery which would cost 120 million schillings to replace. Consequently, the number of employees has dropped from 10,000 to 700. They receive good wages, additional rations, and are being actively recruited for the Communist Party.

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6. Locomotives are being converted from coal-burning to oil-burning; in addition, small repairs are being done. Because of the shortage of raw materials, both these activities have slowed down considerably. Since the Russians have requisitioned Austrian oil supplies, there is not enough oil available for use in oil-burning locomotives.

7. The Russian general director is Colonel Komorow, who is said to have no knowledge of locomotive construction.

8. The manufacture of the cabinet work for pianos and other household equipment has been planned, so that the plant will not have to close down.

Schwadorfer Spinnerei

9. The concern was "aryanised" in 1938; after the war it was taken over by the Russians and now has been returned by them to Austrian ownership. Originally owned by Dr. Bruno von Pollak-Parnau, it now belongs to Dr. Franz von Pollak-Parnau.

10. Production: Cotton thread (the raw material is imported [redacted] 50X1-HUM

11. Number of employees: Some 220 workers (one half the original number employed). The majority of the workers are not Communists, but they regret that the Russian control has gone because they no longer receive additional rations. Dr. F. von Pollak-Parnau has been negotiating with the Starhemberggasse (Administration of Soviet Property in Eastern Austria = USIVA) to obtain an extension for one month's additional rations. He also gives his employees cotton thread, which they can exchange for foodstuffs.

Zeiss Works, Vienna

12. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The plant still continues to import small quantities of good quality glass from Czechoslovakia; the rest of the material is drawn from former stocks, and some glass is also supplied by the Görtz concern.

13. Leica types I, II, IIIa,b,c (manufactured in 1939), ceded under license to the Soviet Government in 1938 and 1939, and type IIId (manufactured in 1943, with electric range finder), which presumably fell into Russian hands after the war, are continuing to be constructed with the Leitz lenses 1:2, or 1:3.5.

14. The former German military telescope with prismatic light-breaking (Prismenlichtbrechung) is being manufactured with 6 x 30 and 4 x 24 lenses.

15. The rate of production still cannot be ascertained, but is said to be small because of the shortage of skilled labor.

16. Number of employees: 300

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Russian Activities in Factories

17. a. Stölzle-Schreiber AG

One of the largest Central-European glass concerns, with factories in Nagelberg [redacted] Comment: Possibly Gross-Nagelberg, C.9-R35) on the Czech frontier, Köflach (Styria), and in Czechoslovakia (locality not given but stated to be the largest glass factory in Europe). The founder and general director since 1926 is Engineer Ferdinand Wintersberger, who, between 1938 and 1945, managed to rid the concern of all Reich German capital. This concern, therefore, cannot be requisitioned by the Russians as German property. Nevertheless, with the aid of the chief bookkeeper, Müller, of the Stözle-Schreiber AG, who is an Austrian Communist, the Russians are making every effort to take possession of this concern. The company has an office in the Russian Zone of Vienna (IV District) and has appointed Müller as general manager. 50X1-HUM

b. Hans Bilstein (sic). Factory for hoisting gear, Atzgersdorf.

Office: Lothringerstrasse 6, Vienna IV.

The Russian manager, Lobanoff, is prohibiting the free sale of the finished goods.

c. Siemens-Schuckert, Vienna

Since this firm considers itself to be under USIVA, it pays only 0.5% goods turnover tax instead of 2.04%. This constitutes a yearly loss of turnover tax from the Siemens-Schuckert factories in Austria of 200,000 schillings for the Austrian Government. An electric motor which formerly cost 500 schillings per H.P. unit now costs 1000 schillings. A high-powered transformer in 1944 cost RM.300,000 and today costs 1,800,000 shillings.

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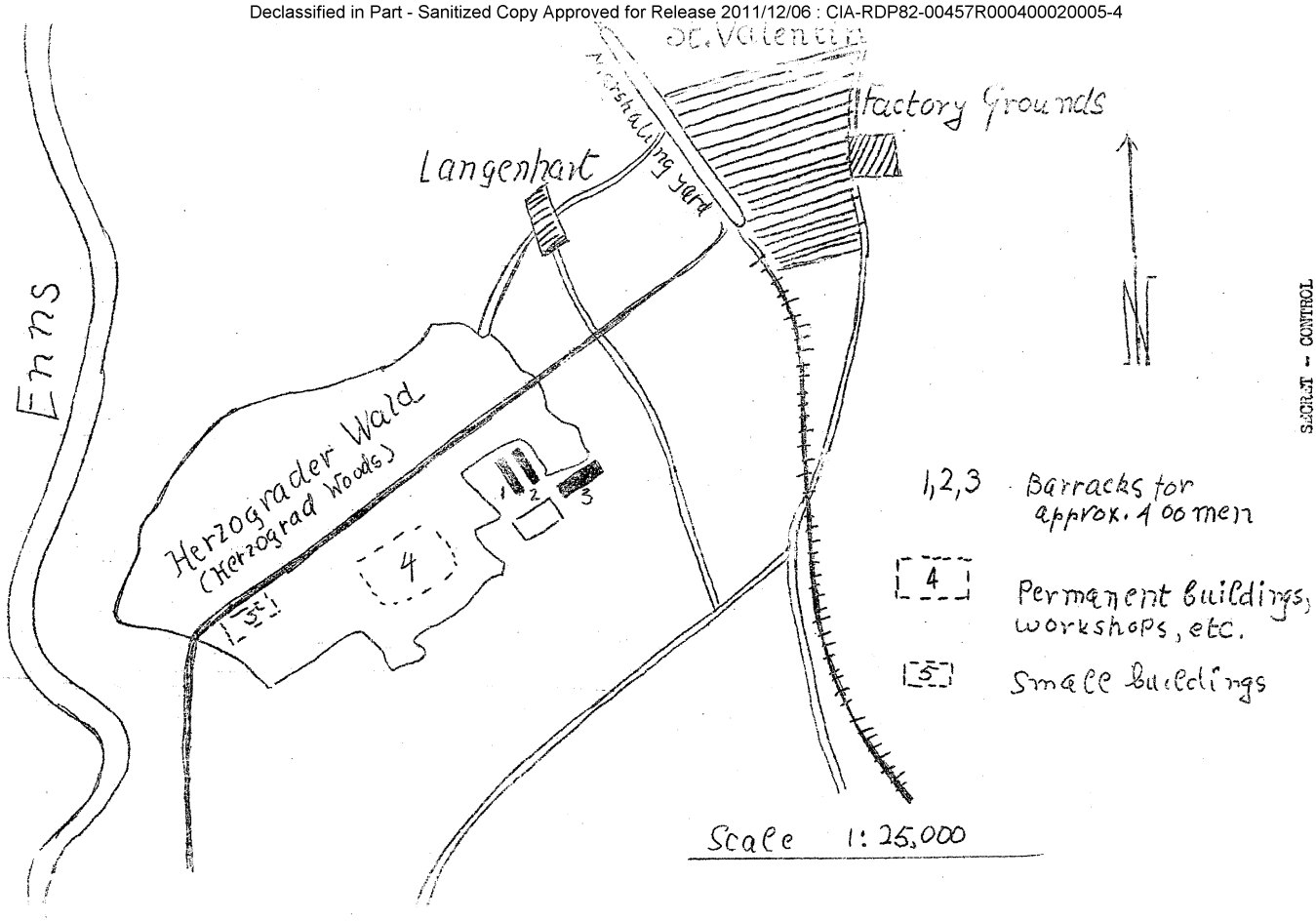

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