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1. The Cugir Works together with the Copsa Mica plants is called Uzinele Copsa Mica-Cugir (Copsa Mica-Cugir Works), of which the official abbreviation is CMC. The works in Cugir consists of two factories, the ordnance factory proper and the ammunition factory. One is called CMC Fabrica de Armament Cugir (CMC Ordnance Factory Cugir), the other CMC Fabrica de Munitii Cugir (CMC Ammunition Factory Cugir). The ordnance factory is under the control of the Ministry of Industries.
2. Since 1945-1946 the general management of CMC has had its headquarters at 63 Calea Victoriei, Mica Block, Bucharest. For the two factories in Cugir there is a common plant management which has its seat in the administration building of the ordnance works. The management staff are civilians. After 1946, the number of workmen was reduced by 70 percent. During World War II their strength was about 7,000 persons, while at present only about 2,000 persons, most of them Germans and Hungarians, are employed here.
3. The ordnance factory, also called the "lower factory" (fabrica de jos) is located on the north edge of the village of Cugir which is situated in Transylvania in the Hunedoara District. The plant may be reached by means of the provincial highway from Sibot to Cugir, which branches off Highway No. 31 from Sebes to Alba and Arad. The Sibot-Cugir road is about 6.5 miles long. From the main Teius-Alba Iulia-Vintul de Jos-Dewa-Arad railroad line a standard-gauge single-track branch line branches off in Sibot to Cugir. The plant is surrounded by an eight-foot high fence and security is maintained by plant guards.
4. The legend of the attached sketch is as follows:
 - (1) Porter's lodge
 - (2) Management building for the ordnance and ammunition works 100 feet by 66 feet
 - (3) Garage building
 - (4) Workshops, a complex of a number of bays covering a total area of about 820 feet by 430 feet. These are: an erecting shop, various other workshops, a smithy, lathes, and a joinery, as well as other types of shops.

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- (5) The building of the Sports Department
 - (6) An underground test-firing range, 430 feet by 26 feet
 - (7) Plant installations covering a total area of about 260 feet by 66 feet. From the central building a smokestack rises.
 - (8) Sawmill
 - (9) Timberyard
 - (10), (11), (12) Temporary barracks
 - (13) Canteen for permanent employees
 - (14) Timberyard
 - (15) Cugir railroad station
 - (16) Football field
 - (17) Workmen's dwellings under construction.
5. From 1939 to 1945 the plant produced weapons and armament material, but in 1946, changed over to peace-time production, including sewing machines. About 10 percent of the capacity of the plant is utilized for armament work, including the manufacture of new weapons in small numbers, and the repair of old ones. The major part of the machinery came from Czechoslovakia in 1937-1938. At the time of this report, all the sewing machines were being delivered to the Soviet Union.

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Comment: This plant produces and repairs "Oritza" type submachine guns. Units of the railroad police were ordered to send their submachine guns to the Cugir Ordnance Works for alterations. By fitting a new mechanism to the ejector, any stoppages, heretofore frequent, would be avoided in the future. The safety mechanism of this submachine gun was also altered. Since 1937, Czech engineers and specialist workmen have worked in this plant.

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