

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
DOMESTIC COLLECTION DIVISION**

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REPORT CLASS**

**DIST:** 8 AUGUST 1983  
**COUNTRY:** USSR  
**SUBJ:** SOVIET USE OF PRISONERS AT NIZHNEKAMSK CONSTRUCTION  
SITE  
**DOI:** JUNE 1982 - JULY 1983  
**REF:**  
**SOURCE:**

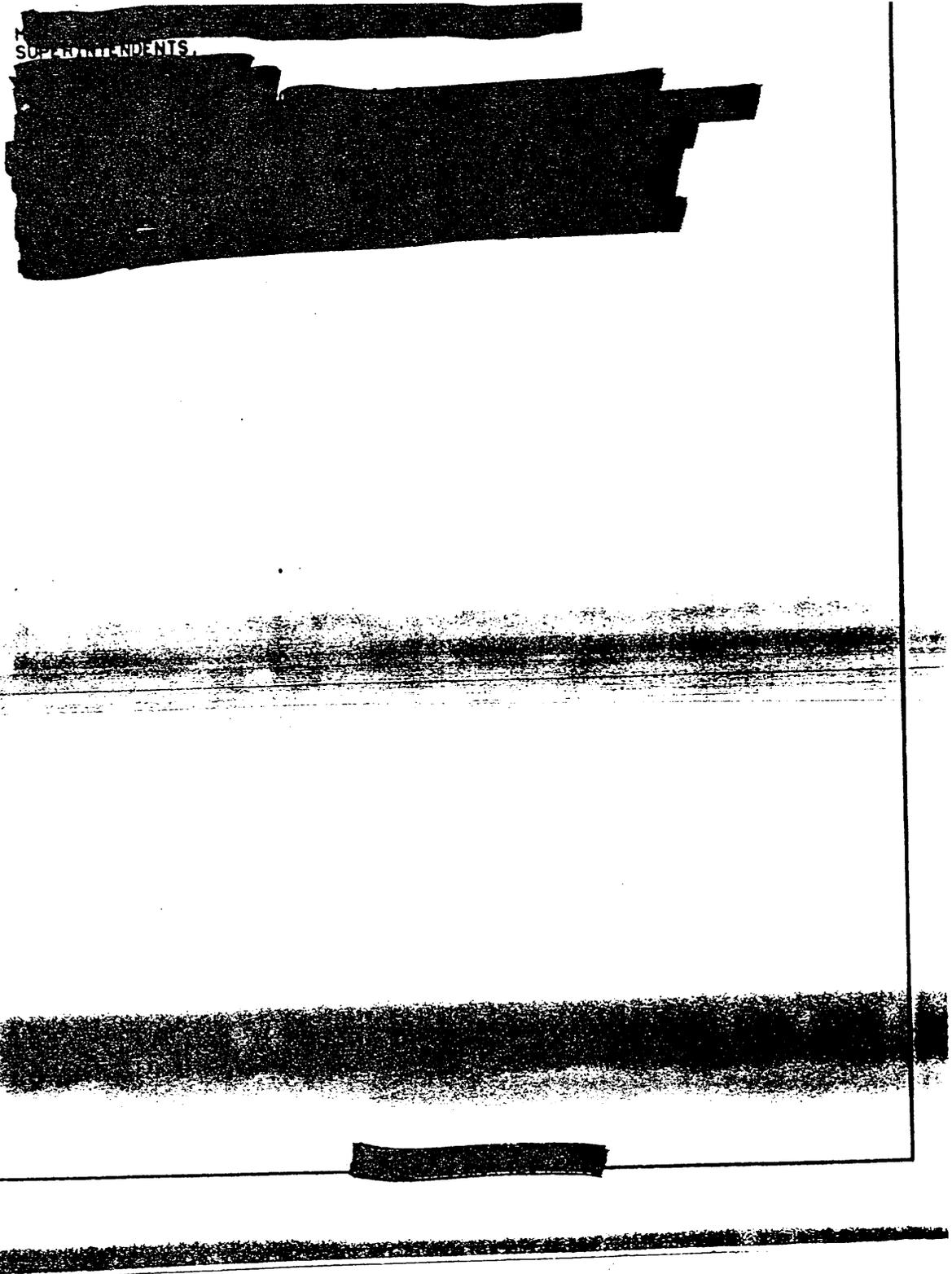
**TEXT:** 1. IN JULY 1982, THE SOVIETS WERE USING PRISON LABOR AT THE ETHYLENE GLYCOL PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NIZHNEKAMSK, ACCORDING TO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF SALZGITTER INDUSTRIEBAU GMBH (SIG), THE WEST GERMAN ENGINEERING COMPANY THAT IS SERVING AS PROJECT MANAGER AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR. SIG ALSO PROVIDED FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT. AS OF END-JULY 1983, THE PLANT WAS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1984-85.

2. THE PRISONERS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE WORK SITE VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING, AT APPROX. 0500 HOURS. WORK WOULD BE DARK. THEY WERE INVOLVED IN REPAIRING DISKING WORK SUCH AS MAKING ROADS AND POURING CONCRETE. THERE WAS NO DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE PRISONERS AND THE FOREIGN TECHNICIANS/SUPERVISORS. THE PRISONERS WORKED UNDER THE SOLE DIRECTION OF SOVIET

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