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REPORT CLASS

DIST: 16 SEPTEMBER 1983

COUNTRY: USSR

SUBJ: 1. TYRNYAUZ MINING COMPLEX

2. APPEARANCE OF CONVICT LABOR AT COMPLEX

DOI: AUGUST 1983

REF:

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1

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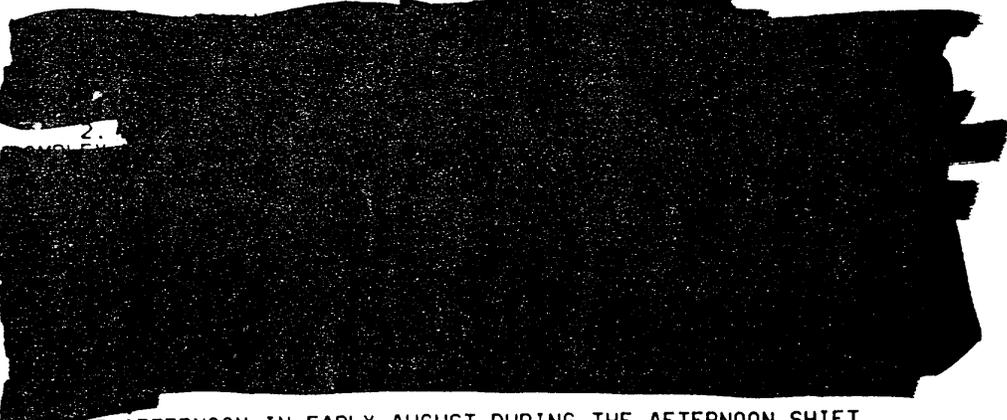
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3. ONE AFTERNOON IN EARLY AUGUST DURING THE AFTERNOON SHIFT CHANGE, 30 CONVICT WORKERS WERE OBSERVED DEPARTING THE MOUNTAIN AT ITS FIRST STAGING POINT LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 3000 FEET IN ALTITUDE. THE CONVICTS WERE PLACED ON LIFT CHAIRS AND TAKEN DOWN THE MOUNTAIN SIDE TO A WAITING BUS. WHILE CHAPERONED ON THE MOUNTAIN BY FOUR UNARMED GUARDS, ONCE ON THE BUS, TWO ARMED MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSUMED GUARD RESPONSIBILITIES. ([REDACTED] COMMENT: THE CONVICT LABORERS WERE ALL "GRAY AS GHOSTS" AND APPEARED TO BE IN RAPIDLY DECLINING STATES OF HEALTH. THEY WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION. IT WOULD BE VALID TO SPECULATE THAT THEY WOULD BE WORKED TO DEATH AT THE COMPLEX GIVEN THEIR DECIMATED APPEARANCES.)

