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1. "Yoshkar-Ola is the capital of the Mari ASSR. The following information dates approximately to 1952.

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Terrain

2. "The town stands on a rise in an area of swampy, marshly woodlands.

Communications

3. "A one-gauge *[sig]* railway leads to Yoshkar-Ola from the town of Zelenodl'sk thus linking it to the Moscow-Kazan railway line.
4. "The Malaya Kokshaga River, which flows past Yoshkar-Ola, is not navigable. The town has no port and no shipping connection with the Volga.
5. "Yoshkar-Ola has a small airfield which belongs to the Grazhdanski Vozdushny Flot (GVF-- Civilian Aviation Administration). There are no other airfields in the vicinity; the terrain is unsuitable.

Town

6. "The town of Yoshkar-Ola is really a large village. Most of the houses are built of wood and are one-story only. The streets are unpaved.
7. "About 20 stone buildings were built in the center of the town during 1946-1952. None are of military character or for military purposes. They include: the local House of Soviets, the town library, a theatre, a cinema, the Yoshkar-Ola Hotel, the Forestry Technical Institute, a pedagogical institute and a town hospital.

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