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1. The sugar factory at Ruse was founded in 1912 by the Societa Anvers Belgika (Antwerp Belgium Company). In 1938, it was taken over by the Bulgarian Sugar Cooperative and operated under its direction until 1944. At present, the number of persons working in this factory has been increased by three or four times over the pre-Communist regime figure, approximately 2,000 for the harvest season, while the output has greatly diminished.
2. The sugar is extracted from beets which are cultivated in the regions of Silistra, Tutrakan, Svishtov, Nikopol, Oryakhovo, Somovit, Lom, and Vidin. At first these regions produced between 70,000 and 80,000 tons of beets, while they now produce only 40,000 to 50,000 tons; the harvests yielded 23,000 to 28,000 tons of sugar in the past, but now yield only 15,000 to 17,000 tons. This decline in productivity is a result of the failure of the kolkhoz system which has been adopted throughout Bulgaria.
3. The directive personnel of the factory is as follows:
 - a. Menov (fnu), director 25X1
 - b. Milkov (fnu), secretary
 - c. Kuzanov (fnu), engineer
 - d. Starev (fnu), superintendent of sugar-beet cultivation 25X1
4. The chemical laboratory has approximately 20 to 25 employees, five of whom are engineers. The directive personnel is as follows:
 - a. Chokayev (fnu), chief of the laboratory 25X1

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- b. Piskova Piskov, assistant director [redacted] 25X1
5. The alcohol (syrup from the first pressing of the sugar) section is directed by Nikola Khristov [redacted] 25X1
6. The refining section has the following administrative personnel:
- a. Makar Franz Arnot, chief [redacted]
 - b. Boris Saka Kuschev, department chief [redacted]
 - c. Dimitir Penchev Charli, technician [redacted]
 - d. Boris Vladimitrov, technician [redacted]
 - e. Nikola Zarkov, technician, [redacted]
7. The mechanical section is directed by Gorgi (fnu) [redacted]
This section has the following machinery:
- a. Four air compressors, model 1912, German make; and
 - b. Three turbine generators of 1,300, 1,200, and 60 kilowatts, model 1912, AGM (sic).
8. The chief of the turbine section is Y. Khora [redacted] 25X1
9. The chief of the building section is Milan Sirbens [redacted]
10. The furnace (boiler) section has nine automatic boilers which require 28 to 32 carloads of coal per day. The coal is transported by railroad from the Pernik Mines near Sofia and the coal-cellar of the factory is always full of coal ready for use. The directors of the furnace section are:
- a. Boris Nachev, chief [redacted] 25X1
 - b. Boris Karayko, assistant director, also secretary of the section and a member of the Commission [redacted]
11. The chief of the machine repair shop is Yorgi Timoriev [redacted] 25X1
This shop has the following equipment:
- a. Five lathes, German make, produced about 1912;
 - b. One "Sapink" (Shaping?) machine, German make, produced about 1912; and
 - c. A milling machine, German make, produced about 1912.
12. The chief of the oxygen section is Boris Nikolov [redacted] 25X1
This section has the following equipment:
- a. Three oxygenizers; and
 - b. One generator.

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13. The chief of the pump section is Stoyan Petrov [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] This section has five 200-horsepower electric motors and dis- 25X1
 tributes all the running water necessary for the functioning of the factory.
14. The tools and equipment section is responsible for various repairs. Its chief is
 Tsanko Kovachev [redacted] 25X1
15. After the sugar has been extracted from the sugar-beets, the remainder is sold to
 alcohol factories. There are five large storage spaces of 500 tons each in the
 molasses section; these facilities were used for gasoline storage during World
 War II.
16. There is a total of eight large sugar-beet warehouses which are connected with
 the factory by a large avenue. These are approximately 1,500 meters distant from
 the factory by direct line.
17. There are two very large sugar warehouses, each capable of holding 1,000 carloads
 of sugar.
18. An electric cable line is used to transport the sugar-beets from the river docks,
 which are one and one-half kilometers from the factory. The landing docks have
 two large 5-ton cranes which are used to load the beets on the cable cars. A 70-
 horsepower motor is used to power the cable line. The directive personnel of the
 electric cable line section is as follows:
- a. Yosef Kuznov, chief [redacted] 25X1
- b. K. Petrov, work foreman, [redacted]
19. The Communist section (cell) of the factory is as follows:
- a. Drages Tinov, Political Chief of the factory [redacted] 25X1
- b. Gerashimov (fnu), secretary [redacted]
- c. Khristo Karagayev, workers' representative
 and [redacted]
- d. Nedelkov (fnu), treasurer [redacted]
20. Surveillance of the factory is carried out by 20 Militia men and 20 guards.
 Discipline at the factory is very severe and workers are transferred immediately
 after becoming "suspect." Discipline is constantly more severe in the hopes of
 increasing the productivity of the workers.
21. Other sugar factories, all subordinate to the Dürzhavna Zakhari Fabriki (State
 Sugar Factories) with headquarters at Sofia, are located at Gorna Oryakhovitsa,
 Plovdiv, and Pleven (Dolna Mitropoliya). The machinery of another factory,
 located in Sofia, was dismantled and sent to other plants.

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