

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

This Document contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this form is prohibited.

SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY  
SECURITY INFORMATION

25X1

COUNTRY	Bulgaria	REPORT	
SUBJECT	1. Military Units in Plovdiv 2. Air Raid Shelters in Plovdiv	DATE DISTR.	4 May 1953
DATE OF INFO.		NO. OF PAGES	2
PLACE ACQUIRED		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD
		REFERENCES	25X1

This is UNEVALUATED Information

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.  
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.  
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

25X1

Military Units in Plovdiv

1. A military command, [redacted] believed to be a divisional command, is located in Suedinenie Square in a 2- or 3-story building, 50 x 15 meters in size. [redacted] 25X1
2. The Plovdiv Militia Command is located at 4 Gurko Street, on the slopes of Sakhat Hill. This command is located in two or three 2-story buildings surrounded by a wall approximately two meters in height. The buildings are guarded by Militia members; civilians are not allowed in the vicinity of this area. 25X1
3. [redacted] location of the following units in Plovdiv: 25X1
  - a. Unidentified engineer units, quartered in barracks located on the outskirts of the city, on the road to Asenovgrad, consist of two or three buildings surrounded by a barbed wire fence;
  - b. Unidentified motorized and horse-drawn units, quartered in barracks located two kilometers from the main station of Plovdiv, on the railway line which runs to Burgas, consist of two or three buildings partially surrounded by barbed wire and partially by a wall; the military bakery of the Plovdiv garrison is also located in this barracks area;
  - c. Unidentified infantry units, quartered in a barracks which formerly belonged to 8 Infantry Regiment, situated on the outskirts of the city, on the road to Pazardzhik, consist of a number of buildings surrounded by a wall approximately three meters in height;
  - d. Unidentified tank units, quartered in barracks, located on the outskirts of the city, on the road to Istanbul; and

SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	ARMY	Ev.	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC					
-------	---	------	-----	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

-2-

25X1

- e. Unidentified artillery units, quartered in barracks, located on the outskirts of the city on the road to Istanbul; [redacted] cannons of approximately 8 mm. caliber, <sup>1</sup> and other cannons of smaller caliber. 25X1
4. An Army food warehouse and slaughterhouse is located two kilometers from the outskirts of Plovdiv, on the road to Istanbul. [redacted] existence 25X1 here of a cold storage building, 50 x 25 meters in size. Additional buildings are under construction. The whole area is not fenced in.<sup>2</sup>

Air Raid Shelters in Plovdiv

5. The air raid shelters already existing in Plovdiv are in the process of being enlarged and improved. Work on this project started in 1948 and is now nearing completion. [redacted] in peacetime these shelters would be used as 25X1 warehouses. The shelters are located as follows:

- a. On the slopes of Sakhat Hill;
- b. On the slopes of Bunardzhik Hill;
- c. On the slopes of Armensko Hill; and
- d. On the slopes of Dzhumayata Hill.

In August 1952, work started on the construction of a new air raid shelter, located on the slopes of Dzhendem Hill.<sup>3</sup>

Comments:

25X1

1. Probably 8 centimeters (80 mm.) is intended.

25X1

SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY