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1. The following Soviet military units are located in the Bialystok area:

- a. At Lapy (S53/G27), there is a large Soviet military group located at the railroad station and at the post.
- b. At Suraz (S53/G37), the Soviets have a large military depot along the Narew River where military equipment such as guns, automobile parts, tanks, tractors, etc., are stored. The equipment is stored in various barracks and is guarded by a strong MVD force.
- c. At Bialystok, the Soviet force is composed of the following units:
 - (1) One MVD regiment.
 - (2) A large group assigned to the railroad station.
 - (3) A large group assigned to the post office.
 - (4) One battalion of Forest Guards (BOL-Baon Ochrony Lesnej). All of the men of this battalion wear Polish uniforms although they are actually Russians. Units of this battalion who pursue "bandits" are the only ones allowed to cross the Polish-Soviet frontier without formalities. They have a number of armored cars at their disposal.

2. The following Polish military units are located in the Bialystok area:

- a. At Bielsk Podlaski (S53/G45) there is a motorized regiment (pulk samochodowy) and two companies of a KBW (Korpus Bezpieczenstwa Wewnatrznego - Internal Security Corps) regiment whose headquarters are located in Bialystok. The regiment is one of the strongest KBW regiments in Poland. The trucks of the motorized regiment transport all the necessary building material to

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Kalnica (S53/G24) and Kiersnowo (S53/G34) for use in the building of the Kiersnowo Airfield. The trucks are also used, at times, for the transport of KBW troops to troubled areas in the voivodship; occasionally, disturbances in the voivodship require the presence of KBW troops at several different locations.

b. At Białystok the following units can be found:

- (1) The headquarters of the 18th Infantry Division⁴. Units belonging to this division are being motorized with Soviet equipment.
- (2) The 65th Infantry Division⁵.
- (3) One communications battalion.
- (4) The 6th WOP (Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza-Military Border Guard) Brigade⁶.
- (5) One KBW regiment, which is composed of three battalions scattered throughout Białystok Voivodship (see paragraph 2-a above).

c. There are no troops at Bransk.

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