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1. From Podkova to Dimitrovgrad, the tunnels are guarded by sentries of the Militia stationed at both openings, and opposite the entrance there is a building for 10 men with a sentry-box for each sentry. There is one man on guard at each entrance. There are no troops with the exception of the sentries. The troops remain near inhabited places. The bridges are guarded by a sentry from the Militia, but there is no place for them to stay and no sentry-box as at the tunnels.

2. From Dimitrovgrad to Sofia, bridges and tunnels are guarded in the same manner but by Interior Troops. The guard remains near the guarded works. There is one building for the bridges and two for the tunnels. The same procedure applies as far as Aytos. From there on there are no guards. From Turnovo to Dimitrovgrad bridges and tunnels are guarded by Interior Troops as described above.

3. In Ruse a site is being leveled, and much building material has been collected for the erection of a second railroad station. The position is east of the old station. laborers working day and night on the construction of a second railroad line from Ruse to Gorna Oryakhovitsa. In some places it crosses the other line. It is actually a double track line with the old line.

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4. Parallel to the new line there is a highway being constructed. It is like the central roads of Bulgaria (eight meters wide with granite rock instead of asphalt), but it can carry much heavier loads. this road begins at Minsk in Russia and goes via Bucharest to Sofia. the road is being built by order of the USSR so that it can carry trucks bearing a load of 25 tons. such a truck was exhibited at the Plovdiv Fair (weight of a tire was 300 kilograms, personnel of four with automatic loading and unloading). a total load including vehicle at 40 tons.

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5. other roads are being constructed from Kurdzhali to Dimitrovgrad to Burgas and from Plovdiv to Burgas. The Plovdiv-Sofia road

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is regarded as such a road and will be improved.

6. [redacted] the railroad line from Ruse (the second one) will be extended to Sofia. [redacted] the abutments and piers are being constructed for a three-story bridge about 1000 meters long over the Danube River, about two kilometers east of the sugar refinery at Ruse. The first level will be for railroad traffic, the second level for vehicles, and the third level for pedestrians. About 25 engineers are working at the Ruse sugar refinery (five-six are Germans and the rest Russians). [redacted] the bridge will be ready in May 1954. [redacted] all the Iron Curtain countries are participating in it, and are sending materials to the USSR where they are worked and returned to the bridge site. 25X1
7. The higher level personnel for the construction of the bridge are Russians, and the lower personnel are Bulgarians and Rumanians. [redacted] the new line will be ready from Ruse to Gorna Oryakhovitsa by 1954. At present only the roadbed has been constructed. Rails have not yet been laid, but great quantities of them are expected from the USSR within a matter of days. [redacted] about 20 kilometers of the highway in use, but only at certain points where the Ruse-Gorna Oryakhovitsa railroad passes. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
- For the past two years intensive work has been done on the construction of a railroad line linking Burgas and Varna.

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