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Resistance Groups

1. [REDACTED] there were only small resistance groups consisting of only a few persons. [REDACTED] active resistance groups existed in the Bialystok, Lublin, and Warsaw areas. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. [REDACTED] perhaps the overall analysis of types of people who were in or who would join resistance groups included those who were avoiding arrest, and those who would declare themselves at the decisive moment, i.e. those who in spirit and conviction believe that resistance would score heavily against the existing order. 25X1
3. At the present time the weapons and supplies of resistance groups are those which have been taken through raids, stealing, or confiscation of Ministry of Public Security (MBP) warehouses, buildings and offices, and personnel.
4. Resistance activity has been rather of a sporadic nature, due largely to the success of the Internal Security Corps (KBW) in eliminating partisan/resistance members and activity.
5. The activity of resistance groups in 1952-53 included employment of terror generally, raiding and destroying cooperative stores, and

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carrying out two to three attacks on the Moscow-Berlin railroad line.

Estimate of damage and loss of property was not known [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] the propaganda effort expended by resistance groups. 25X1

[redacted] the effort was in vain and perhaps nil [redacted]
[redacted] the resistance groups did not have qualified personnel for this purpose and neither had they the equipment.

6. [redacted] on retaliatory measures taken by the Soviets. 25X1
The KBW carried out all physical retaliatory measures, and it in turn received guidance in its action from the MBP, to which the KBW was subordinate.

Controls in the Police State

7. The Dowod Osobisty (Identity Document) issued to MBP personnel did not provide authority for carrying a weapon. The authority for carrying a weapon by the MBP was found on the last page of the Service Booklet (Legitymacja Sluzbowa) of the MBP. The service weapon of the MBP was the TT pistol, or a personal weapon, as the German Walther. 25X1
8. Agents of the MBP were not accepted because of any specific age. Agents were chosen on the basis of having completed service in the KBW or WOP or being highly regarded by the Party. 25X1
9. [redacted] passenger travel in Poland could be enjoyed without any special or regular pass, certificate, etc. [redacted] 25X1
10. Private car owners had the following makes of cars: pre-war Opel and Mercedes, DKW, IFA. Government official vehicles were either the Pobjeda, Warszawa, or occasionally the Citroen. License plates in Poland were metal, painted with a glossy white background with a black letter and digits superimposed. [redacted] the following system of lettering: 25X1
- "A" and "B" - for government official vehicles.
 - "S" - for cooperative enterprises.
 - "H" - for private vehicles.
 - Foreigners' car license plates were painted black with a yellow "Z" and digits.
11. Private car owners had to present a vehicle booklet (title) when desiring gasoline coupons. The cost of coupons and the gasoline allotted per month [redacted] To break up black marketing of government gasoline, there were to be two color types of gasoline sold - a light red for private cars and a darker red for government vehicles. 25X1
12. [redacted] no information on bus, truck, bicycle, horse, burro, or water travel. Military personnel and security personnel had priority on air travel. For MBP personnel there was no necessity of presenting orders for vehicle, rail, or air travel. The travel itinerary was usually planned and cleared from point of origin to point of designation and back.
13. [redacted] 25X1

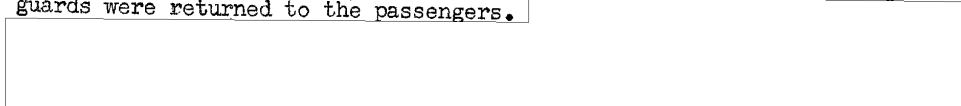
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14. The only point that was emphasized regarding rail passenger traffic was that at certain points along the railroad line there would be a check by a member of the SOK (Railroad Guards) who would especially check an important document such as a passport. Sometimes the train was held up at one check point for as long as a half hour. Documents taken by the guards were returned to the passengers.



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Housing

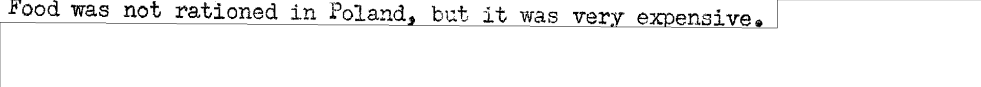
- 15. In order to obtain an apartment or a house on a temporary or permanent basis, the following considerations were in effect:
 - a. A person could declare himself to a local housing committee where a specific registration form and red tape had to be taken care of.
 - b. A person could pay to join a plan for a cooperative dwelling.
 - c. A person could buy outright through a declaration for a vacant residence.
 - d. He could bribe the house controller.

housing was a priority item, and the first individuals to be settled in any one type of dwelling were invariably members of the government official family, MBP members, etc.

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Eating and Buying Food

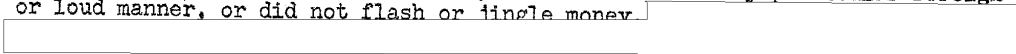
16. Food was not rationed in Poland, but it was very expensive.



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Social Activities

17. the Polish population was permitted to move around freely, especially in Warsaw. never saw or heard of individuals being deprived of the freedom to visit friends, cafes, bars and pubs, attend movies or to move about in the city by vehicle. a surprise check might be pulled by Security Police on a hotel, especially at night. This surprise check was usually on documents and items of black market value. If a person behaved himself properly, did not dress in any particular foreign or loud manner, or did not flash or tingle money.



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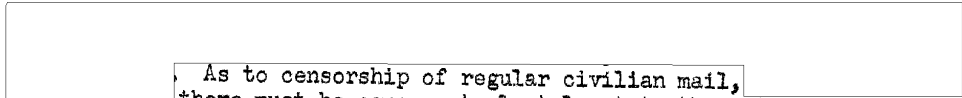
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18. A native Polish civilian would have to present a medical book or certificate if he needed or wanted medical attention through a national medical station.

Postal Communications

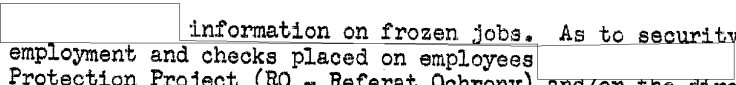
19. As to censorship of regular civilian mail, there must be some control at least to the extent of cutting out certain parts of a letter.



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Employment

20. information on frozen jobs. As to security of places of employment and checks placed on employees the Industrial Protection Project (RO - Referat Ochrony) and/or the director of the place of employment would execute said functions.



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21. [redacted] perhaps one of the most sensitive installations in all of Poland would be the MBP complex in Warsaw. Important officials of the MBP and the government were not only protected by members of the MBP but they were also protected by the KBW. 25X1

22. [redacted] 25X1

Miscellaneous Military Data

23. [redacted] information was very limited as to the Polish Armed Forces and the National Security Forces [redacted] 25X1

WOP

24. [redacted] there were WOP brigades and other size units. [redacted] the organization of the WOP and/or any unit of the WOP. 25X1

25. [redacted] 25X1

26. WOP personnel wore green hat bands. Their weapons consisted of the carbine, SMG, and possibly IMG. They used a short distance radio. [redacted] the WOP brigade had a W-3 radio. [redacted] 25X1

27. Border security zones were possibly 30 km. in depth, with barbed wire fences at the border, and plowed zone area at the border.

28. The WOP's source of supply was possibly from Military District Headquarters depots.

29. [redacted] 25X1

KBW

30. [redacted] there were KBW elements guarding important office buildings and government officials in Warsaw, important factories, and other installations. [redacted] 25X1

31. [redacted] there were KBW personnel, size of element or unit unknown [redacted] in at least each large city in Poland. KBW personnel wore blue hat bands. They were armed with a carbine, SMG, IMG, and possibly an HMG.

32. In the event of war, KBW officers and EM, likewise WOP officers and EM, would most likely be assimilated by regular line troops of the interior.

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33. [REDACTED] personnel for the WOP and the KBW were carefully screened and selected from among each class of inductees. Candidates for WOP and KBW NCO and officer schools went through a political screening process. 25X1
34. Military Districts and Corps in Poland
[REDACTED] since November or December 1953 there were no longer five military districts (DOW) in Poland but only three; i.e. DOW Warsaw, DOW Wroclaw [REDACTED] and DOW BYDGOSZCZ. 25X1
35. [REDACTED] no information as to corps, divisions, regiments, battalions or any other size units of the Polish Armed Forces. 25X1
36. [REDACTED] there was no distinctive color of hat band, cap crown piping, blouse cuff piping, and trouser seam on MBP uniforms. 25X1

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