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1. An old quay which extends in an east-west direction and is located between the civilian and the military ports of Varna (now Stalin) is now used exclusively as a place for loading Bulgarian uranium ore onto Soviet ships. It is 100 meters long and is constructed of cut stone. 25X1
2. Near the quay there is an 80 x 10 meter wooden building with a sheet-metal roof, used as a temporary storage warehouse for uranium ore. A ramp with a capacity for 15 railroad cars is located on the west side of this building. Here all the uranium ore transported in railroad cars is unloaded into hand carts and carried into the warehouse. After the unloading, the railroad cars are swept carefully so that no trace of uranium ore remains in them.
3. The warehouse extends lengthwise in a north-south direction and is situated approximately 40 meters north of the quay. The warehouse area is enclosed with a barbed wire fence about 2.5 meters high. This enclosure extends to the sea as the quay is included in this area. In the evening, this area is illuminated by six powerful lights.

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4. A cable car line using two cables runs between the warehouse and the quay. Fully loaded cars use one cable to go to the quay while empty cars return to the warehouse on the other cable. A crane on a Soviet ship picks up the fully loaded cable car and places it in the ship for unloading. After the uranium ore from the car is unloaded, the crane returns the car to the cable designed for the empty cable cars.
5. Uranium ore has been loaded only on Soviet ships and sent to the USSR. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] loading of the Soviet ship KARL MARKS which sailed for the USSR on 8-10 April 1953. 25X1
6. The trains which carried uranium ore to the above-mentioned warehouse had been designated as special trains and travelled straight through from Sofia to Varna. In 1952, informant observed six of these special trains. He stated that one of these trains consisted of approximately 40 "EF" closed railroad cars. When these trains were en route they were guarded by at least 20 Interior troops, chiefly junior sergeants who were armed with Soviet Shpagin M-1941 submachine guns. The guards did not allow anyone to come near the railroad cars. [redacted] 25X1
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7. Interior troops guarded the uranium ore warehouse and its area. The guard consisted of about 12 men under the command of Junior Lieutenant Grigor (fnu) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] A guard booth with a permanent guard was placed on each of the four corners of the area. The area was approximately 30 meters wide (east-west direction) and over 120 meters long (north-south direction). 25X1
8. Trudovaks from the Varna labor brigade, Podelenie 24-00, particularly men from Trudovak Battalions from Podelenie 24-40 and Podelenie 24-80, unloaded the uranium ore from the trains and loaded it on the Soviet ships. About 40 Trudovaks were needed in this work. [redacted] These men returned to their unit after having finished their job. Every evening they were inspected by the guards for any hidden uranium ore. 25X1
9. The following legend refers to a sketch [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] showing the warehouse and quay for loading uranium in Varna, included as an Appendix on page 3: 25X1
1. Uranium warehouse
 2. Narrow-gauge railway for transporting uranium to the quay
 3. Railway ramp of the depot
 4. "Konte" ramp
 5. Quay
 6. Black Sea
 7. Military ramp
 8. Road to the "Georgi Dimitrov" Shipyard
 9. Railway line to the "Zora" Oil Factory
 10. Railway line to the Varna Railroad Station
 11. The Varna Railroad Depot is 200-250 meters in this direction
- *** Barbed wire enclosure
- Permanent guard post

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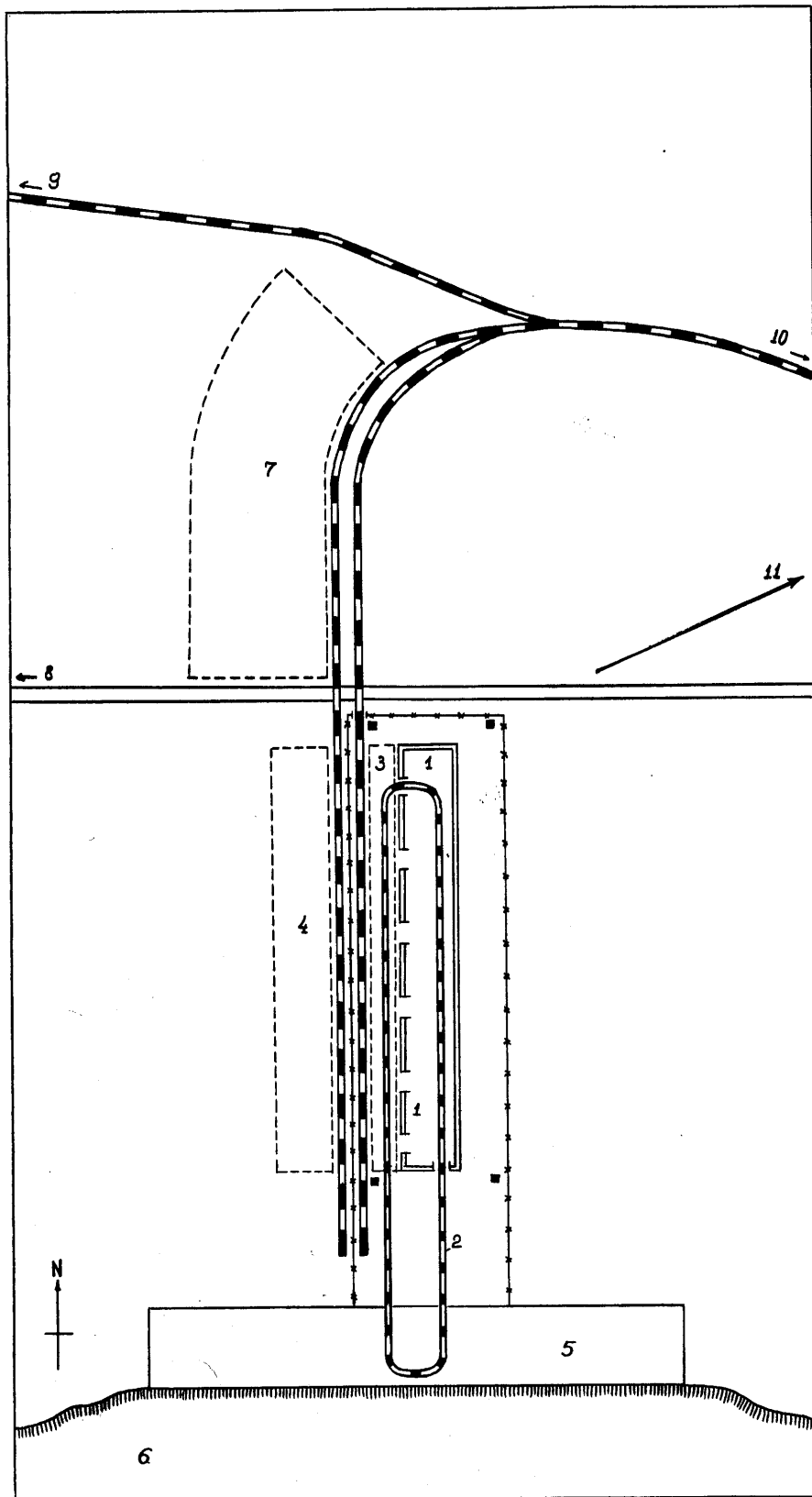
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