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1. At the point where the two roads starting from the Svilengrad railroad station join to run into Svilengrad, at N 41-46, E 26-09, and about 10 meters south of this place are located two buildings facing each other. These are explosive depots and are identical 1-story buildings, about 20 x 4 meters in size, and about three meters high, painted to blend with the landscape and roofed with yellowish tile, without windows and chimneys, and with one wooden door.
2. These buildings are very old and are known around the area as "Gushteto" (probably G.Z.N.). [redacted] The buildings cover an area about 50 x 40 meters in size and are enclosed by a barbed wire fence.
3. In 1949, when the Maritsa River was frozen over, creating a peril for the Svilengrad bridge, explosives were taken from these depots to clear away the ice blocks. [redacted]

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4. In addition to the two buildings mentioned above, in the depot area there is also a small wooden barracks, about 8 x 2 meters in size, used as quarters for the guard force of the depots. [redacted] this force consisted of 10 soldiers and 2 officers. 25X1

5. A day and night guard post is located in front of the buildings. In addition, every day soldiers go out to conceal themselves at a location about 300-400 meters northeast of the depots at a bunker located above-ground.

6. [redacted] 25X1

7. From the summer of 1951 until March 1952, in the corner formed by the intersection of the two roads coming from the Svilengrad railroad station, opposite the munitions depot [redacted] in position a small antiaircraft gun (type unknown), set on a special gun mount about four meters in diameter, and reinforced with earth about 50 centimeters thick, and camouflaged with foliage. 25X1

8. During this same period [redacted] three other similar guns, manned by three soldiers and aimed in the direction of the munitions depots from the bunker. At that time, the number of soldiers around the munitions depots was increased, since some of the men manned the casemates located almost directly at the gun positions. 25X1

9. [redacted] Later in 1952, they were moved away to an unknown location. 25X1



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