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Atomic research began in Hungary as far back as 1950, although large-scale experiments were not initiated until 1952. The results of this research has induced the Soviet military authorities to have uranium ore brought to Hungary from Czechoslovakia.

In June, ¹⁹⁵² there was an incident between Soviet military personnel and

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the Hungarian-Czech escort of a train [uranium ore] transporting. Another incident took place between the Szob border station and Budapest, when some Soviet soldiers wanted to requisition railroad cars containing uranium ore because they believed that those cars contained gold. During an encounter involving the use of firearms, four Hungarian and two Czech soldiers were killed and others wounded.

The incident was ~~immediately~~ kept quiet by the Hungarian and Soviet authorities.

Three atomic research institutes

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are known to exist in Hungary at the following places: Budapest (Higher Technical Institute); Debrecen; and an unknown place in the Dunantul area.

Hungary { Uranium ore deposits of unknown capacity have been discovered in the Vertes Mountains.

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