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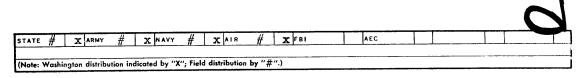
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required a much shorter landing strip than any other let.	25X1
large number of Soviet military trains in and near the train station and Soviet personnel on the streets.	
the Municipal Committee	
had to procure quarters for 20,000 additional Soviet troops who were to be stationed at Braila.	25X1
there were to be 200,000 additional Soviet troops stationed in the Braila - Buzau - Focsani (N 45-42, E 27-12) area with 20.000 of them to be stationed in Brails	25 X 1
great many Soviet troop trains and rist cars loaded with S-60 tanks, artillery weapons, and vehicles. similar trains between Lacul Sarat (N 45-13, E 27-52) and Braila. in a wooded area on the south-southwest side of Braila an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Soviet military personnel and an unknown number of S-60 tanks and artillery weapons.	25X1
Many of these personnel were of Mechanized Infantry units. These military personnel appeared to be seasoned troops.	
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a new Soviet S-60 tank.	
the S-60 tank was 7.05 meters long, 2.05 meters wide, and weighed 60 tons. From personal observation, the tank had shielded tracks and the muzzle opening was approximately 12 to 14 centimeters in diameter. No further information was available.	

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S-E-C-R-E-T -3-25X1 11. in December 1956 and January 1957 Soviet military personnel unloading unidentified equipment which was in very long boxes and appeared to be very heavy as the Soviet personnel were using heavy cranes for the unloading. the boxes 25X1 containing this equipment were covered with canvas it was very unusual for Soviet military personnel to unload trains as this was a job usually delegated to Rumanian civilian laborers. 25X1 this unidentified equipment was stored on the ground about 10 kilometers from the Soviet airfield near Timisoara (N 45-47, E 21-13). 12. 25X1 19. Soviet radar station on Gurga Hill near the town of Breaza (N 47-21, E 24-04) itchād a parabolic antenna. another radar station on the Costila mountain range near Busteni (N 45-24,E 25-32) believed to be the headquarters of the Breaza station. II: Civilian 25X1 1. People in rural districts had to do a certain amount of labor. for the State, so-called "voluntary" labor, but in reality, it was forced (corvee). Villagers were obliged to donate four weeks per year. Those who had horse carts or trucks had to lend the vehicles to the State for ten days annually. However, in most cases the State did not return them to the owners within this period but kept them for an indefinite time and when they were finally returned, they were in a state of such disrepair that they could no longer be used. In this manner Socialist policy eliminated private ownership of vehicles. 25X1 the Ministry of Defense planned to disband labor units in September 1957. A registration of technicians, doctors, engineers, and other technical personnel was held at the beginning of 1956 and again at the end of the year in connection with a population census. In both cases special gray cards were filled out for technical and professional personnel. In government enterprises and institutions, this double registration was taken care of by the personnel or cadres offices. Radio amateurs had to be registered and had to validate their registration at the end of each month. 25X1 during April and May 1957 there had peen a sudden increase in arrests by the Security Forces, mostly of the old bourgeoisie who had been arrested previously because of their social status. There were no new restrictions on travel. On the contrary, travel was freer of restrictions than it had been formerly. There had been no increase in document checks.

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There were no shortages of essential goods, generally speaking, but in May 1957 it became increasingly difficult to find foodstuffs in Bucharest, especially bread and meat, because of stockpiling in preparation for the World Youth Congress to be held in Moscow in July 1957 and also, because of the increase of Soviet troops, as described in Section I, 4 above. Flour, bread, butter, and meat were more easily obtainable in larger cities, such as Bucharest, Issi, Brasov, and Timisoara, than in rural areas.

Occasionally, it was difficult to get bread and people were then asked to show their identity papers in order to obtain it. Such shortages were caused by the fact that persons in rural communities in the vicinity of large cities stormed city stores for bread which was cheaper there than in their own communities. Some peasants used to buy it by the sack and feed it to their live stock because it was cheaper than fodder. There were no shortages of drugs, clothing, sewing machines, radios, watches, etc., except that they were prohibitive in price although prices had been reduced on such items. There were more goods recently than there had been six months previously because people could not afford to buy them. There was no rationing. Prices of food and commodities had doubled compared to 1952 but wages had not increased proportionately. There had been an increase in the number of privately owned automobiles in the past six months.

In October 1956 for Chemical Industry, received for Civilian Construction to sto	T All work on edwaller	25>
construction projects which were completed with the exception of considered essential, such as br reason for this order was lack o	certain special projects idges. the f funds	25>
allotted for civilian construction which was published in April 1950 mitted for approval to the USSR, for many construction projects as planned investment for 1957 consignanted. For example, 42,000,000 construction of an industrial con 8,000,000 lei were allotted. Most to heavy metallurgical industries for the production of fertilizer much discussion about this at the	ved a cut in the funds on. Also, the State plan 7 after it had been sub- did not provide any budget nd only 30 percent of the truction projects was 0 lei were required for the mplex in Braila but only st of the funds were allotted s and no money was provided although there had been	25X
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station near Bucharest had begun.	o and development	05)
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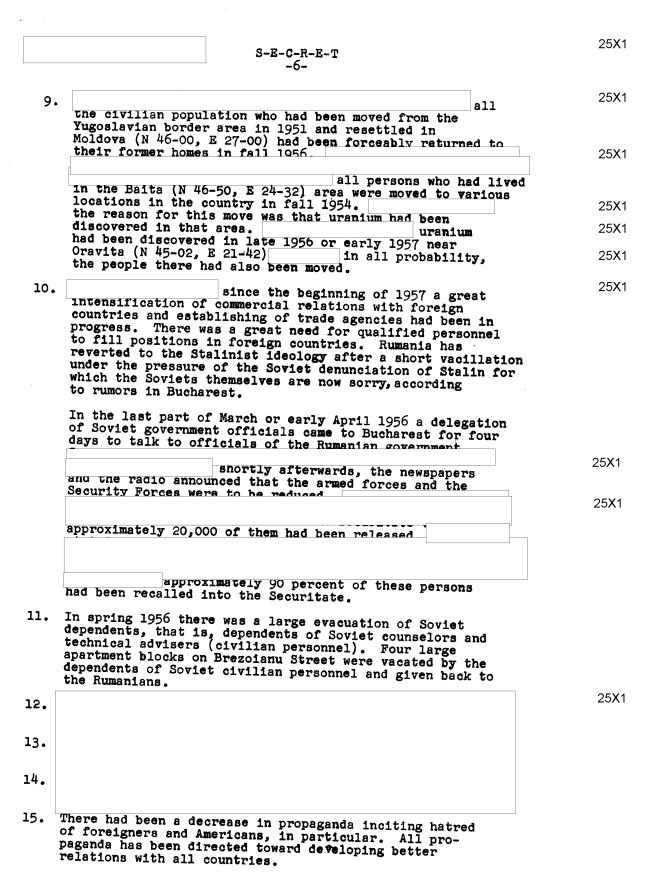
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	With regard to telephone censorship	25 X 1
	in a central telephone exchange in Victoria (N 44-49.	25 X 1
	E 27-37) one whole floor of the building	25 X 1
	was occupied by a monitoring office whose employees were all women trained by the Security Forces to listen to telephone	
	conversations. there were three degrees of	25 X 1
	telephone control. In one category, telephone conversations	
	of the entire population were checked once a month. If,	
	during such checks, a person's conversation aroused any suspicion, that person was moved to the second category	
	and his conversation was then checked once per week. If the	
	suspicion persisted, the individual was transferred to the	
	first category of control in which all of his telephone	
	conversations were recorded on a magnetophonic tape. This office was called the listening service (servicial de	
	ascultare).	
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	No increase in censorship was observed.	
6.	no air raid shelters built recently except	25 X 1
	a very large one in the center of Bucharest which was	
	completed in March or April 1956 under orders of the Ministry	
	of Internal Affairs and which was connected by an under- ground passage with a residential section called Parcul	
	Jiano where all the important Communist leaders resided	
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	Up to the beginning of	
	1957 only doctors and military personnel had atomic defense practice but in late 1956 the civil defense organization, ALA,	
	required viid all Dersons attend ten sessions on amoutical	
	and theoretical instruction in atomic defense These classes	
	were netu twice a week and handled through the studies	
	places of employment. Employees were given time off in the afternoons to attend. Theoretical classes lasted two to	
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	water which was contaminated.	25 X 1
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	Some propaganda	
	was sandwiched into the lectures in which it was pointed out what Americans might do. There were no practice alerts but the alert machine was charled	
	but the alert machine was checked once a year.	
	Immunization against typhoid fever was obligatory and free of charge for all citizens and anti-tuberculosis vaccine	
	was compulsory for all children.	
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	Institution and enterprise there was a security agent. These agents were recruited from among former political	
	Prisoners, those who were sentenced to prigon and there	
	who had already served prison sentences.	
8.	There were no restrictions on weather broadcasts. On the	
-	contrary, the number of broadcasts had increased.	
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