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1. The city of Oradea, Rumania is the principal city of the region of Transylvania and has about 100,000 inhabitants. Agriculture constitutes the main source of wealth of the region; local industries are few. Oradea is a railroad center of some importance and has the following railroad stations:
 - a. The main railroad station is served by the following lines: from Berettyoujfalu (Hungary); from Debrecen (Hungary); and from Carei and Satu Mare. The station has between six and eight tracks. There is one main building and one platform. Traction is by steam.
 - b. The Oradea-East station is connected to the main station and to the switching station of the Cluj-Brasov-Ploesti-Bucharest line. The station has four tracks, one main building and one platform; traction is by steam.
 - c. The Oradea-West railroad station is connected to the main station and to the switching station of the Arad-Timisoara-Vrsac (Yugoslavia) line. The station has two or three tracks, a single main building and one platform; traction is by steam.
2. One of the industrial installations in Oradea is the Irina Szenkovits knitted goods factory. This is an old enterprise which has been in operation for several years but is constantly expanding. The factory is located in the southeast

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part of Oradea at No. 4 Gutemberg Street, in the vicinity of the fuel depot. The plant occupies an area of about 400 by 500 meters and employs about 2,000 workers, mostly women, who work in two shifts. The plant manufactures knitted wool sweaters and T-shirts for men, women and children. Most of the production is for domestic use; only a small quantity is exported to countries of the Soviet Bloc. The plant is equipped with 800 to 900 modern knitting machines which were made by the Caterina Varga plant of Cluj. Work on the construction of new buildings has been in progress for about one year; reportedly, they are to be completed by the summer of 1962. These buildings are being constructed on the south side of the plant, outside of the enclosure and will reach almost as far as the Viale Cluj. Their future use is unknown.

3. Various unidentified military units stationed in Oradea were described [redacted] as follows: 50X1-HUM
- a. Units are located in a block of 8 to 10 old barracks in the southwest area of Oradea astride the Viale Armate Rosu, south of the Park, on the road which leads to the civil airport of Oradea. As many as 20 armored vehicles were seen leaving the area at one time. These vehicles, called "cadeur" [redacted] were equipped with a single cannon with a barrel about two meters long. The strength of these units was estimated to be about 4,000 men. 50X1-HUM
 - b. A firefighting unit which is assigned to the Rumanian Army is quartered in barracks on Mihail Kogalniceanu Street, in the southern section of Oradea. The strength of the unit is between 700 and 800 men. Among other equipment, the unit has seven or eight modern pumpers with portable ladders. The personnel of this unit are recruited directly from civilian life, and service performed with the unit counts as draft service in the Armed Forces.
 - c. A school for officers of the Securitate is located in Oradea. Students at this school take a 2-year course which begins in January of each year. At the end of the course, the students' receive the rank of second lieutenant.
4. In the fall of 1961, work was completed on the asphaltting of the highway from Oradea to Arad. The portion of the road from Oradea to Inand, which was previously asphalted, was resurfaced. The remainder of the road (Inand-Arad), was paved. The highway is 126 kilometers long and is six to seven meters wide.
5. In late November or early December 1961, a trial for 20 persons was held in Oradea at the civil court, behind closed doors. The defendants were all connected with Oradea Secondary School No. 4, and had been implicated in a conspiracy against the State. They had been accused of setting up an anti-government group for the specific purpose of bringing about and conducting propaganda for the annexation of Transylvania to Hungary. At the time of their arrest,

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they were found to be in possession of weapons, ammunition and propaganda leaflets. The trial was held very rapidly and lasted only a few hours. Although the trial was kept secret and was not reported by the press, the information leaked out through the families of the defendants. Persons involved included five professors and 15 students. The group was headed by a professor of physics and chemistry named Andrasi (fnu). The professors were sentenced to 35 years imprisonment and the students received sentences varying from 6 to 20 years. As a result of the trial, all students of Secondary School No. 4 were subjected to a screening by a political commission. All persons who were considered guilty of support or implication, even moral support, were expelled immediately and forced to take up manual labor in industrial plants in the area. About 20 students were expelled.

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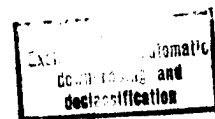
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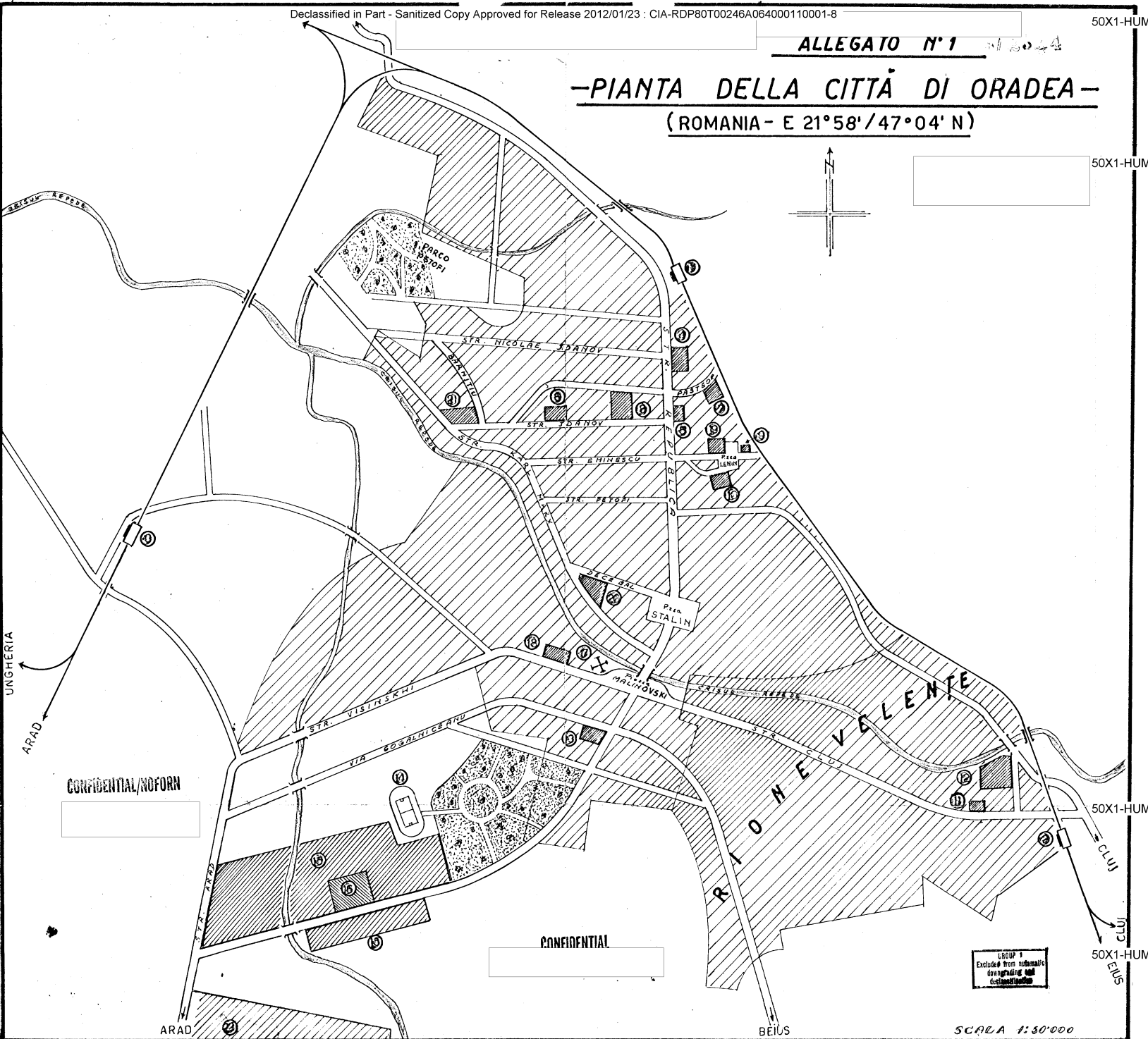
Legend for the attached sketch of Oradea

- 1 - Main railroad station
- 2 - Oradea-East railroad station
- 3 - Oradea-West railroad station
- 4 - Civil hospital No. 1 (for internal ailments and x-rays).
- 5 - Polyclinic. For examinations and consultations for adults only.
- 6 - Military hospital
- 7 - Civil hospital No. 6 (for mental patients)
- 8 - Regional headquarters of the Securitate. Three-story masonry building located on Zdanov Street.
- 9 - Regional headquarters of the Militia.
- 10 - Prison for ordinary criminals.
- 11 - Fuel depot. It consists of about 10 metal tanks, all above ground.
- 12 - Irina Szenkovits knitted goods factory.
- 13 - Barracks for firemen
- 14 - Sports stadium
- 15 - Barracks area
- 16 - School for the officers of the Securitate.
- 17 - Catholic Church
- 18 - Regiune People's Council
- 19 - Oradea City People's Council
- 20 - Infratire agricultural machinery factory
- 21 - Solidaritatea shoe factory
- 22 - Civil airport



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-PIANTA DELLA CITTÀ DI ORADEA-
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