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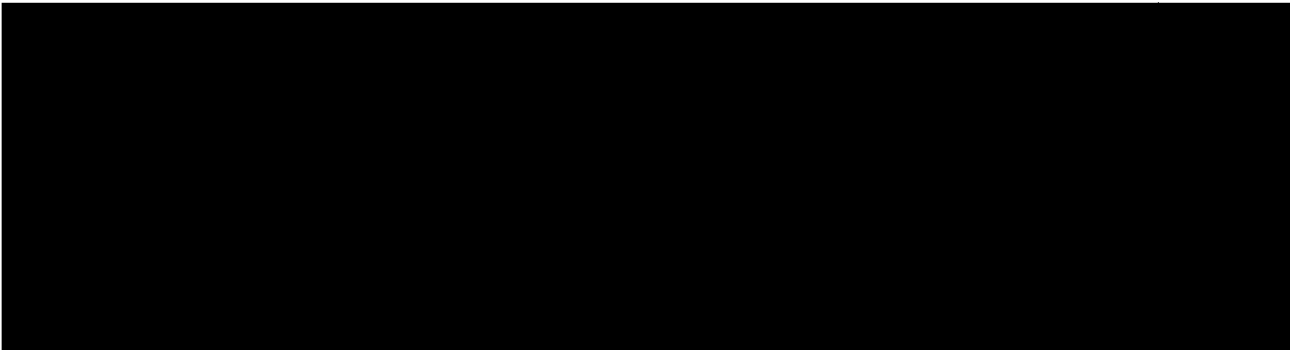
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SUPPLEMENT

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1. Tsitsihar

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a. Three of the four sources reporting mentioned a Soviet consulate in Tsitsihar; one source remarked that it has been there ever since the Soviets withdrew from Manchuria. Two of the sources commented that the Russians have concentrated themselves in the consulate area. One source said that only Russians are allowed to enter the district without the permission of the consulate. [REDACTED] One source identified the consulate as being in the old Manchurian Mining Company building. [REDACTED]

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b. There are said to be 40 to 50 White Russians in the city. Most of them run tea shops or have dairy farms. There are a number of Soviet ex-soldiers. All the latter wear civilian dress.

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2. Angangchi (123-48, 47-09)

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The Soviets have a message center at Angangchi through which they communicate with Siberia. Source states he has seen Russians there in civilian clothes whom he had previously seen in uniform.

3. Manchouli (117-27, 49-36)

a. Two sources state that there are about 1,000 White Russians in Manchouli. One of them gives the population of that town as 10,000. Both agree that many of these White Russians work for the railroad. One source states that many of them also run shops. [REDACTED] They are all said to have Soviet citizenship. [REDACTED] 25X1X6 25X1X6 25X1X6

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b. One source states there is a consulate at Manchouli. [REDACTED]
c. There is a Soviet Club, where dances are held "practically every night." The Russians do not mix much with the Chinese or Japanese.

4. Cho Eph Forest Area (121, 47) [?]

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There is a railway spur here extending into the timber region. The many White Russians in the area are negotiating with the Mongolian People's Republic to replace Chinese in the lumber industry. [REDACTED] 25X1X6
[REDACTED] note: The area mentioned is in Manchuria, close to the Mongolian border.) There is much friction between Russians and Chinese. [REDACTED] 25X1X6

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25X1X6 5. Chalantun (122-45,48-01) There are about 600 White Russian families in Chalantun. The head of the White Russian Association is a 35 year old man named Cholimoskin. He speaks fluent Mongolian, Chinese, Japanese, and "most likely" English, as well as Russian. During the Manchukuo regime, he ran a tea room. He was arrested by the Japanese many times and sent to Tokyo, but always released. When the Soviets came to Chalantun, Cholimoskin became friendly with the Soviet Commander, who issued him documents giving him control of a large hemp factory, a dairy farm, the largest house in Chalantun, and such Japanese assets as old automobiles and other broken-down equipment. Following his example, the White Russians have taken over all the big houses in Chalantun.

25X1X6 6. Lungch'ing (129-26,42-47) At Lungch'ing, source observed five Soviet officers in uniform. He stated they had been doing intelligence work there ever since the Soviet entry into Manchuria.

7. Harbin 25X1X6
a. Many of the Russians are railroad officials and businessmen. Some are discharged soldiers or soldiers in civilian clothes. Source stated he became very friendly with a Soviet soldier during the Soviet occupation and that he has since seen him in civilian clothes in Harbin. 25X1X6
b. The Soviets control the Tschurin Company and the Northern Manchurian Trading Company. 25X1X6

(The balance of this report is from a Chinese resident of Nenchiang Province who arrived in Changchun from Harbin on [redacted] Source is strongly anti-Communist.) 25X1X6

25X1X6 8. The Soviets are maintaining consulates in all important Communist-held cities, such as Tsitsihar, Harbin, etc. Most of the people entering the Harbin Consulate are Chinese Communist officers.

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25X1X6 10. About once a month, General LIN Piao goes to Moscow to act as liaison between the Soviets and the Chinese Communists.

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