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- 25X1 1. The SMV is preparing to build a modern, high-pressure cracking plant to manufacture gasoline for motor vehicles and aircraft at Moosbierbaum, Lower Austria. The establishment of this cracking plant will enable the SMV to obtain a superior grade of gasoline from crude oil produced in this area without the necessity of importing blending stock from abroad.
- 2. Plant foundations will be laid by the USIA-controlled construction firm, Ueberland Hoch-Tief-u. Strassenbau A.G., Vienna IV, Brahmplatz 2, which signed a 65,000,000 schilling contract with the SMV. Ueberland A.G. has already set up large field headquarters with barracks in Moosbierbaum and is now hiring a large number of construction engineers, technicians, and static analysts in Vienna and the western Zones of Austria. Ueberland A.G. plans to sub-lease a part of its SMV contract to a non-USIA firm, Siemens Baunion G.m.b.H., because this firm owns modern engineering equipment which Ueberland requires for this construction project.
- 3. The SMV has already ordered high-pressure vessels from Germany and pumping units and a type of pressure pipe, which will contain a maximum of 500 pounds pressure per square inch, from the USIA firm, J. M. Voith of St. Poelten. It has also been rumored that some of the equipment which the Soviets removed as reparations from the Leuna Werke in Eastern Germany may be turned over to the SMV for this new cracking plant at Moosbierbaum.

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