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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO THE PORT CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. 50X1-HUM 22 June 1951 COUNTRY USSR (Latvian SSR) DATE DISTR. Railway Spur and Fuel and Ammunition NO. OF PAGES SUBJECT 50X1-HUM Dumps in Riga NO. OF ENCLS. PLACE **ACQUIRED** SUPPLEMENT TO DATE OF REPORT NO. INFO. THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 50X1-HUM Railway Branch Line 1. A new branch line, which starts to the north of Tiltu iela, extends approximately as shown by No. 1 in the attached plan of Riga Lezapark. This singletrack, broad-gauge line had a short branch to the north which was mainly used as a shunting siding. The branch line was believed to serve only the fuel and munition depots described in Paragraphs 2 and 3 below, but at various times between summer 1947 and autumn 1949, armored trains were observed standing at the siding. Two captured German armored trains, each of six to eight cars, were there from June to mid-winter 1947. Thereafter the siding was used only for shunting purposes until spring 1949, when two Soviet armored trains were observed, each consisting of six to seven cars and two flat-cars mounting guns with very long barrels. These trains left during the summer and returned again in the autumn, and were still there at the end of October 1949. Fuel Depot 2. The fuel depot was built by the Soviets 50X1-HUM early in 1947. It contained fuel exclusively for the use of the armed forces. The fuel was delivered in tank-cars by rail and, occasionally, trains of up to 20 tank-cars were observed. Fuel was collected by units of various branches of the Soviet armed forces, including the Air Force. 3_{\circ} The depot covered an area of approximately 100 x 200 m, and was surrounded by a single barbed wire fence two meters high, guarded and patrolled by military sentries. The fuel was reported to be stored in arched concrete underground chambers; nothing could be observed above ground. Munitions Depot ₩as 50X1-HUM The ammunition and explosives depot located approximately one kilometer east of the Koknese Prospekt, a street with trolley lines which, rumor had it, were to be replaced by trolley-busses. The depot covered an area approximately 200 x 250 m, and along two sides contained a row of seven wooden barrack-like buildings approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ stories high, 40 m long, and 12-15 m wide, with sheet-metal roofing and many lightning conductors. Beyond there, among the trees, there were semi-un-50X1-HUM

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derground stores approximately two meters above ground level, roofed with turf.

- 6. The area was surrounded by a double fence of barbed wire, guarded by military sentries, and the approach roads were barred to civilian traffic. In an adjacent area, beyond the fencing, excavation work was in progress, reported to be for an extension of the depot. Within the depot area there was also a guard house, with a permanent strength of some 20 men.
- 7. Ammunition was brought to the depot by road, in trucks with one or two trailers. From these it was loaded on to rubber-tired flat platforms, which were then hauled by hand. Deliveries were not regular; they might be observed coming in all day long, or there might be several days at a time when there were none. Supplies were taken away from the depot only very occasionally.
- 8. The unloading of the following items from trucks for storage in the depot was observed:
 - a) Shells in wicker containers:

Length about 60-70 cm, lifted by one man. Length about one meter, lifted by two men.

- b) Wooden boxes with cord handles, length about 50 cm, lifted by one or two men.
- c) Boxes about 1.5 m long and 40 cm high, believed to contain 50X1-HUM weapons.
- d) A variety of other boxes, details of which were not observed.

Ammunition Depot

- 9. The ammunition depot was almost entirely 50X1-HUM underground; and, with the exception of two concrete bunkers approximately two meters high, each guarded by a sentry, only the entrances to the underground storage chambers were visible. The area itself did not stand out from the surrounding woodland.
- 10. The depot covered an area approximately 200 x 300 m, and was surrounded by a double fence of barbed wire about two meters high, outside which, on three sides, were watch towers, one of which was sometimes not manned during the day. Within the area was a brick guard house, about 20 x 10 m, with living quarters and a kitchen. The guard of stationary and patrolling sentries was composed of Soviet Naval units.
- ll. During the autumn of 1949, twice weekly, artillery and infantry ammunition, shells of various calibers, and explosives, were delivered to, and collected from, this depot by road and by rail. These transports were guarded by Soviet Marines. Occasionally, the rail transports delivering ammunition consisted of trains of 25 to 30 cars. Long columns of heavy trucks loaded with ammunition were also observed arriving at the depot. The quantities of ammunition brought into the depot for storage appeared to be considerable.