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- e. About 3,000 to 4,000 troops in Timisoara, living in the former Rumanian officer's club and about 60 requisitioned homes. Timisoara was a division headquarters and most of the division's units were in the villages near the Yugoslav border. It was rumored that Timisoara will become a Soviet military zone, and that all the houses in the area will be evacuated.
- f. About 5,000 soldiers, mostly officers, in Bucharest.
- g. About 2,000 troops in Craiova. [redacted] these troops were a regiment of the division located in the Bucharest area. 50X1-HUM
- h. About 500 troops in Floesti, live in requisitioned homes. They were probably sent from the division in Bucharest.
- i. About 50 to 80 troops in a communications unit in Tulcea. The unit was concerned with the installation and maintenance of the telephone network. 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted] there were many Soviet families and a school for Soviet children. [redacted] there were no Soviet troops in Calarasi, Cluj, and Mangalia. In Turnu Severin there were only about 150 to 200 soldiers of the Danube shipping firm. 50X1-HUM
4. [redacted] no identification was displayed on uniforms, vehicles, or encampments. For their relations with the Rumanian authorities, the Soviets used special numbers [redacted] for the units in Braila. 50X1-HUM
Soviet units were supplied with food and fuel by the local Rumanian authorities. 50X1-HUM
5. [redacted] during February and March 1951 the movement of Soviet units in Rumania was greater than at any other time. The following movements were reported: 50X1-HUM
- a. [redacted] in February 1951 three Soviet infantry divisions arrived in Rumania from Besarabia; camped temporarily in the Galati, Bucharest, Constanta areas, and then moved toward the Yugoslav and Bulgarian borders. 50X1-HUM
- b. In February 1951 an unknown number of Soviet troops arrived in Braila from Ismail. About the beginning of March about 1,500 of them went aboard two boats and went along the Danube River toward Ruse, Bulgaria.
- c. During the first week in February about 2,000 to 2,500 troops from Constanta passed through the village of Cobadin, 30 miles northwest of Constanta, going towards Bulgaria.
- d. About the end of February about 100 tanks went from Constanta toward the Bulgarian border.
- e. [redacted] during the first part of April 1951 three trains of ammunition were sent from Bucharest to Oltenita. [redacted] in March 1951 large amounts of ammunition were taken to the area of Vanatu. 50X1-HUM
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6. Considerable training among Soviet troops was noted:
- a. At Braila young Soviet troops were in the first phase of their basic training.
- b. Exercises were carried out at Focsani every day. The tank training consisted of crossing a river.

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- c. During the latter part of February 1951, Soviet infantry, artillery, and air force units took part in four or five day exercises in the area from the village of Banesti, 33 kilometers north of Galati, to Tecuci, 70 kilometers northwest of Galati.
- d. In January and February 1951 near the village of Sacalaz, 15 kilometers west of Timisoara, exercises with tanks participating took place for 15 days.
7. The following ammunition and materiel warehouses were known to be in use by the Soviets:
- An ammunition warehouse in Budesti, 30 kilometers southwest of Bucharest.
 - An underground ammunition warehouse at Oratesti (sic), 50 kilometers northwest of Focsani.
 - Zis motor warehouse on the northwest side of Galati.
 - A canned goods warehouse northeast of Galati.
 - A canned goods warehouse on the south side of Focsani.
 - Two warehouses for artillery on the south side of Focsani.
8. The largest Soviet airfield in Rumania, at Buzau, was completed at a cost of seven billion lei. Hangars, 70 meters wide, were constructed for heavy bombers.
9. The airfield at Ianca, 40 kilometers southwest of Braila, has been completed, and since the autumn 1950, 3,000 workers have been constructing various buildings. The Soviets were also building airfields near Timisoara, Arad, and Oradea.
10.
Soviet freighters seldom arrived, and when they did, they unloaded fertilizer. The Soviet ships loaded fuel, grain, cement and wood to take to the Soviet Union.
11. The military classes of 1949, 1950 and 1951 were serving in the Rumanian Army The period of service was two years for the regular army, and three years for the border army, navy, and air force. A law was recently passed requiring a three year period of service for all the armed services. The class of 1951 was called in March 1951, and the class of 1949 will be dismissed in May 1951.
12. At the end of March 1951 all reserve officers and former permanent officers (who were discharged because of questionable loyalty) were called throughout Rumania for military classification and detailed questioning about their civilian activity.
13. Rumanian troops were reported in the following cities:
- A Rumanian Army in Galati.
 - B Army headquarters and the Vladimirescu Division in Bucharest.
 - One infantry regiment at Constanta.
 - 23 Infantry Regiment, 20 Artillery Regiment, and 5 Cavalry Regiment at Calarasi.
 - About 3,000 infantry, artillery, and border units at Mangalia.

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- f. About 1,500 soldiers and 2,000 to 3,000 members of the Militia in Floesti.
 - g. A battalion, about 1,000 men, in Tulcea. The unit was a part of 10 Regiment.
 - h. About 2,000 to 2,500 men in Focsani.
 - i. About 1,000 soldiers at Turnu Severin.
 - j. An unknown number of troops at Timiscara.
 - k. Infantry and artillery units at Cluj.
14. [redacted] a volunteer Rumanian unit left for Korea, and [redacted] a unit of [redacted] guerrillas was preparing to leave. [redacted] the Rumanian Government sent 16 surgeons and eight nurses to Korea. Recently North Korean children arrived at Galati and they were placed in the children's station (sic). 50X1-HUM
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15. The Danube-Black Sea canal is to be completed by 1955. Preliminary work (chemical analysis of water) was begun for the opening of a canal from Bucharest to Giurgiu. It was reported that the best engineers of the Danube-Black Sea canal project were transferred to the area of Bucharest. The supervisors of the Danube-Black Sea canal advised their workers not to discuss the Bucharest-Giurgiu canal.