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1. Tractor production at the former IAR (Aeronautic Factory) at Stalin (Brasov) was as follows:

1948..... 700
 1949.....2,000
 1950.....3,400
 1951.....3,300 (to November only)

In 1948 it was producing tractors of the Rumanian model, IAR-22. It has now been reorganized to produce the Soviet model KD--35. Russian specialists made the changes and control the work. The office of each department head includes a Soviet officer, with or without uniform.

2. The factory makes a good deal of trouble for the Rumanian Militia. Soviet officials regard production as too low and blame the Militia for failing to trace the persons responsible.
3. The tractors are for distribution to Soviet farms in Rumania, in charge of Soviet officials, who often know nothing about agriculture. They control the work of Rumanian peasants, who often farm tracts of which they were formerly owners.
4. The Rumanian resistance has been able to do little to interfere with factories or farms during the past winter. They are easily traced in the snow and in the leafless forests. As the trees come into leaf and offer more concealment, the resistance expects to base its forces closer to the towns and then attack them. Partisans can then retire safely to the forests.

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