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1. Because of uranium deposits discovered near BERGLEN at the end of 1948 some of the AUERBACH and OELSCHITZ/Vogtland provincial districts were declared off limits (see annex) and mining was started in this area. The uranium ore lodes are said to be near the surface in this area. (The famous radium spots BAD-BRAMBACH and BAD-SLODOR are located in these districts). The PLAWEN Labor Office was assigned to recruit the necessary labor force. The employment of approximately 4,000 workmen is expected.
2. The opening and mining work will allegedly be done by the newly established "Object 25" in TANNENBERGSTHAL. This Object comprises the newly opened mine No. 6 in BERGLEN and the mines No. 2 thru 5 of Object 32 in TANNENBERGSTHAL. Only the ore dressing plant at mine No. 1 remained with Object 32. The former Object 25 in MARIENBERG will allegedly be shut down in March 1949.
3. Observation of ore dressing plants allegedly to be established at different objects in the Saxon Uranium Mining Area (i.e. SCHNEEBERG, JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT, ROSENTHAL) because of water shortage conditions in TANNENBERGSTHAL and to relieve the transport situation will be continued.

1. Annex : Map of Tannenbergsthal-Auerbach-Bergen

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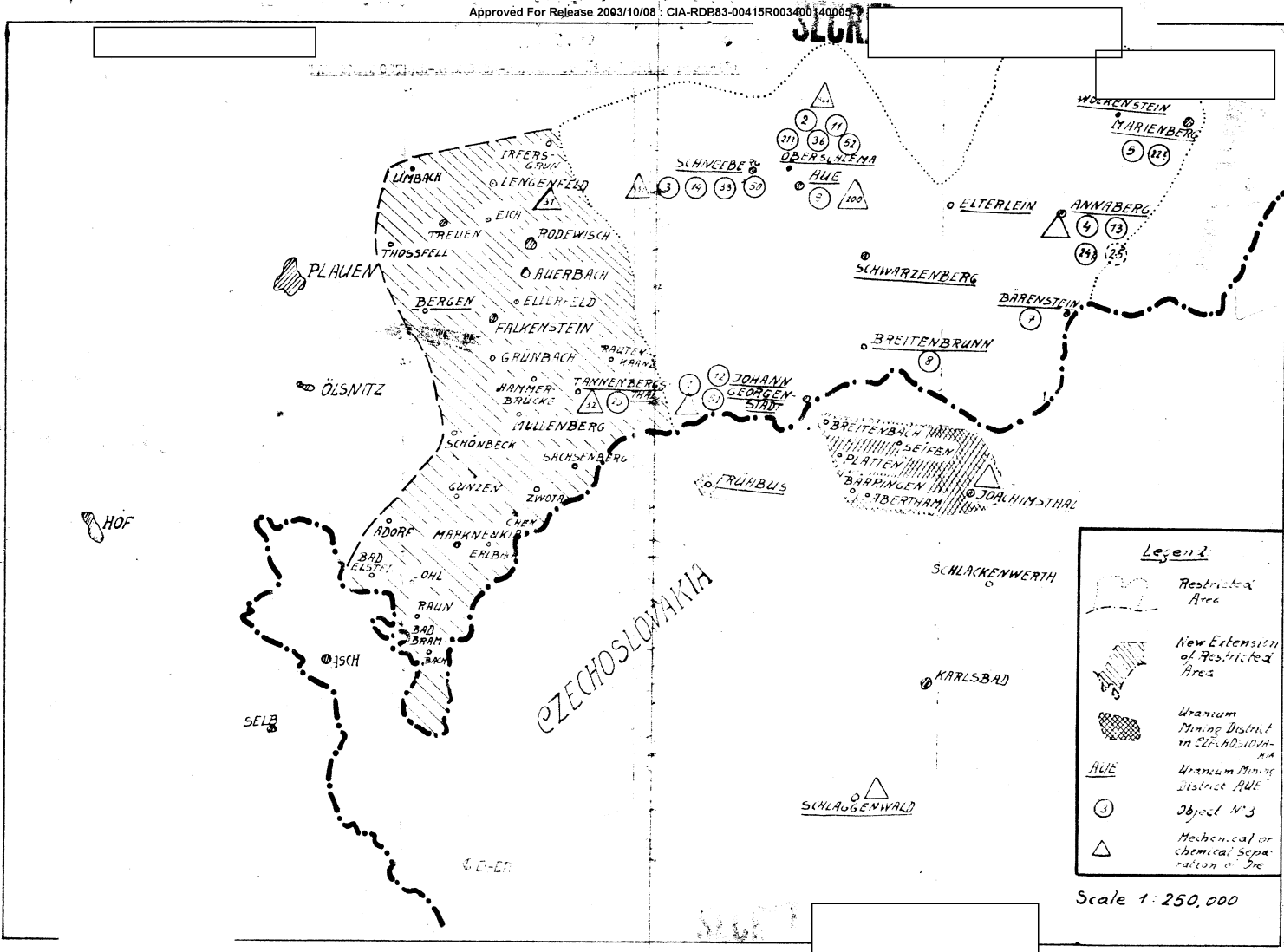
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Legend

- Restricted Area
- New Extension of Restricted Area
- Uranium Mining District in SUD. DISTRICT
- Uranium Mining District AUE
- Object N°3
- Metchemical or chemical separation of ore

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