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Attached is a 19-page report which deals with the following in or near Pleven: 25X1

- a. State Security and Militia in Plovdiv;
- b. Local government;
- c. [Redacted]
- d. Factories and power installations;
- e. Military Barracks;
- f. Airfields;
- g. Radio or jamming station north of Zgalévo (N 43-22, E 24-49);
- h. Railroads and roads in the Pleven area;
- i. A legend to a sketch of installations in Pleven;
- j. A sketch of Pleven and installations in Pleven; and
- k. A sketch of the radio or jamming station north of Zgalévo.

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ATTACHMENT NO. [redacted]

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Subject: Installations and Personalities Report No:  
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State Security and Militia

- 1. MANASIEV (fma) has been head of the State Security organization in Plevna for the past two or three years. [redacted]

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- 2. Every large city in Bulgaria has "Spartak" football clubs, which are the official clubs of the Ministry of the Interior. All players are members of this organization, so it is easy to identify the Militia personnel by checking the sports pages of the newspapers.
- 3. The State Security has both okrug and okoliya headquarters in Plevna. The okoliya offices are in the center of the city on Red Square and on the third floor of the former finance office building across from the mausoleum. This latter building is 3-stories high in addition to a basement, approximately 15 by 30 meters in size, and has a clock tower above it; the first and second floors are occupied by the Plevna Okoliya People's Council. Informant did not know the location of the okrug State Security organization in Plevna.
- 4. A Militia building is located across from the city park in Plevna, on the street corner across from the Army building.
- 5. The central buildings and stations of the Militia in Plevna as known by informant are shown in the sketch in Appendix A, pages 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. The legend to Appendix A is on pages 12 and 13.

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Government

- 6. The okrag people's council of Pleven is located on the street leading to the railroad station, 150 meters from the city theater. The building, which formerly served as a post office, is two stories high and of "medium" size.
- 7. The okoliya people's council of Pleven occupies the first and second floors of the 3-story building across from the mausoleum mentioned in paragraph 3 above as also having the okoliya offices of the State Security.
- 8. The city people's council of Pleven is located in the city center on Liberty Square facing Ivan Vazov Street across from the newly-constructed Soviet Army monument. The building is at the intersection of the square and Ivan Vazov Street. It is "large" and two stories high.

9. [redacted] following as government officials:

a. Borislav DESHEV, chief of the city people's council of Pleven for the past year; [redacted]

b. Vesa RANBONA, chief of the cultural section of the Pleven Okrug People's Council; [redacted]

a. Sava DYALBOKOV, first secretary of the Pleven Okoliya Committee of the Communist Party and a national deputy; [redacted]

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b. Georgi LAMBREV, cadre chief of a show cooperative in Plevna; [redacted]

c. LAMBREV (fma), one of the chiefs of the Party organisation in the 7th quarter of Plevna; [redacted]

d. SHOPOV (fma), one of the chiefs of the Party organisation in the 7th quarter of Plevna; [redacted]

e. Georgi DIMOV, director of the 1st co-educational lyceum for the past four years; [redacted]

f. Liaka IVANOVA, some kind of political director of the 1st co-educational lyceum in Plevna [redacted]

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Communications

13. In 1954, construction was begun on a radio station approximately two and one-half kilometers north of Zgal'ovets village (N 43-22, E 24-49), Pleven Okoliya, which is 16 or 18 kilometers east of Pleven. It is in a level meadow 350 meters north of the Pleven-Stalin rail line and the installations are visible from the train. While passing by train at the end of May 1955, informant saw two antennas 200-300 meters high and four antennas placed in a square and approximately 50 meters high. This installation is depicted in the sketch in Appendix B, page 19.

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14. [redacted] this station will have the largest transmitter in Bulgaria and will be used to disturb the radio broadcasts of the Western countries.

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15. Construction is directed by engineers and technicians from East Germany and is not yet completed. The Germans stay at the Balkan Tourist Hotel in Pleven and are taken to the work site by special bus every morning.

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Factories

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[redacted] the following factories in Pleven:

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- a. The Asen Khalachev Textile Factory, which produces woolen and cotton materials, a new installation located on the north side of Pleven on a road 300 meters long divided from the road to Vurbitsa village; three stories high, 40 meters wide, 100 meters long;
- b. The Vasil Kolarov Rubber Factory, which produces rubber slippers, shoes, boots, etc., located approximately 400 meters southeast of the Asen Khalachev Textile Factory; the factory buildings are 1-story high, but informant could not further describe them;
- c. The 1 May Brick Factory, which produces bricks and tiles for drainage ditches, located on the north side of Pleven on the highway leading to Orvitsa village;
- d. The Georgi Kirlov Canned Goods Factory, which produces all types of fruit and vegetable preserves; the main factory building, 1-story high, in the form of a hollow square with a courtyard in the middle, is located approximately 400 meters northeast of the Pleven railroad station in a large area—half of the building is an icehouse and the other half is the canning shop; a section of the factory, also producing all types of fruit and vegetable preserves and equipped with its own separate icehouse, is located approximately 400 meters east of the main factory beside the rail line;



- e. The Svedeba Canned Fruits Factory, a member of the ekoliya co-operative organization, which produces every kind of canned fruit, located on the west side of Plevna near the Cattle Market square;
- f. The Vaptsarev State Machine Factory, which produces machine parts, cogged machines, and some motors, located on the west side of Plevna on the road to Sofia; the building is L-shaped and consists of two buildings—one 2-stories high, 40 meters long, and 20 meters wide, and the other 1-story high, 50 meters long, and 20 meters wide; and
- g. The Svedeba Sunflower Oil Factory, an old installation which produces sunflower oil, located approximately 400 meters west of the Vaptsarev Machine Factory.

Power

- 18. The diesel power plant which previously supplied power to Plevna was moved to the Debrudzha two years ago and Plevna now has no power plant of its own.
- 19. Electric power for the city is supplied from the high tension line passing by Plevna as part of the general electrification high tension ring of Bulgaria. Informant does not know the location of Plevna's transformer center.
- 20. The offices of "Energo Obshchestvo" (Power Administration) are located in the building formerly occupied by the diesel power plant.

Military Information

- 21. [redacted] the location of military barracks at three places in Plevna. [redacted] as infantry, artillery, and trudovak barracks, [redacted] could not [redacted] guns with short barrels and long thin barrels at the [redacted] artillery barracks, [redacted] [redacted] stables with many horses at the infantry unit barracks. There are large garages at the trudovak barracks location. [redacted] three Katyusha (rocket launchers) had been seen at the garages.

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22. The Army units in Plevna go to summer camp near Orshak village (N 42-53, E 24-47), Troyan Okoliya, for summer training.

Airfields

23. There are three airfields in Plevna Okrug, as follows:

a. The Dolna Mitropoliya Airfield, located south of Dolna Mitropoliya village (N 43-27, E 24-32), Plevna Okoliya, south of the road leading to Plevna and west of the railroad branching from Yasen station and going to Semovit and Cherkovitsa on the Danube; the village has a special rail line; the Sergyoy Kirov Livestock Forage Factory, a large installation, is located north of the airfield on the opposite side of the road to Plevna; [redacted] Dolna Mitropoliya village in 1974 [redacted] the field has a grass runway; [redacted] single-engine fighter planes [redacted] [redacted] students of the Air Force Academy are trained here;

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b. The Telish Airfield, located north or northeast of Telish village (N 43-19, E 24-16), Plevna Okoliya. before Telish village when going to Sofia from Plevna by train; [redacted] passed this field by train on [redacted] to Turkey, [redacted] 10-12 single-engine planes at the field, blue in color; there is only a grass runway at the field; [redacted]

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c. The Hramets Airfield, located between Hramets village (N 43-20, E 25-00) and Letnitsa village (N 43-18, E 25-04), Plevna Okoliya, and still under construction; [redacted] this field is to be used for jet planes and so will have a concrete runway three kilometers long; [redacted]

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Transportation - Railroads

24. Plevna is on the Sofia-Stalin and Sofia-Buse rail lines. Three trains per day reach Plevna from both Sofia and Stalin and two per day from Sofia and Buse, making a total of 10 trains going through the city. Both rail lines are in good condition.



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25. [redacted] the following bridges on the Sofia-Plouva rail line:

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a. Over the Vit River between Lev railroad station (N 43-42, E 24-29) and Yasen railroad station (N 43-25, E 24-31), a single-track bridge of steel construction approximately 100 meters long; the bridge is so long because the banks of the river are low and the outlying area is swampy; three or four soldiers of the Internal Army guard the bridge at all times; and

b. Many other bridges, especially over the Iskar River and particularly between Mezra and Sofia, [redacted]

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26. There are tunnels at many places between Plouva and Sofia, especially between Mezra and Sofia, [redacted]

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[redacted] These are guarded by Internal Army units as are the bridges.

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Transportation - Roads

27. The following roads lead out from Plouva:

a. To Sofia, extending from the west side of the city;

b. To Sigov (N 43-42, E 24-29), via Dolna Mitropoliya village;

c. To Lovech (30-35 kilometers) and Troyan, extending from the south side of the city;

d. To Vurbitsa (N 43-28, E 24-42) and Bushim (N 43-31, E 24-48); this road extends from the north side of the city; the distance to Vurbitsa is six kilometers;

e. To Orvitsa (N 43-25, E 24-42), Ryala, and Ruse, extending from the east side of the city; the distance from Plouva to Orvitsa is seven kilometers; and

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f. To Nibopol, separating from the Fleven-Ruse road in Grivitsa village.

28. These roads are all approximately seven or eight meters wide, with a base of large stones 10 meters deep and surfaced with rolled gravel. They are not in good condition and have many holes. The Fleven-Sofia and Fleven-Ruse roads are the most used of these roads, as are often repaired by the road management system. These roads are open for traffic the whole year. Traffic consists of both freight and passenger vehicles, but freight is more predominant.

29. The following bus lines use these roads:

a. To Lovech, to Lovech-Troyan, to Sigun, and to Nibopol, following the major roads listed above; and

b. To Svichtov, to Gryakhevitsa, to Slavevitsa (N 43-37, E 24-26), and to Bogdash (N 43-15, E 24-29), following secondary roads which separate from the major roads listed above.

30. Some factories are located along these roads, as indicated in the sketch attached as Appendix A.

31.  of the following road bridges on these routes:

a. A stone bridge approximately 15 meters long and 10 meters wide over the Kyalushka stream west of Fleven on the road to Sofia; it can carry "the heaviest" vehicles; there is always water under this bridge and the stream is not fordable;

b. A stone bridge, 3- or 4-arched, 50-60 meters long and five or six meters wide, over the Vit River 10 kilometers from Fleven on the road to Sofia; it can carry "the heaviest" vehicles; there is always water under this bridge and the stream is not fordable;

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- c. An arched stone bridge approximately 60 meters long and seven or eight meters wide, 15 meters high, over the Vit River eight kilometers from Pleven on the road to Sigva; this bridge is very strong and can carry "the heaviest" vehicles; there is always water under this bridge and the stream is not fordable; and
- d. A stone bridge approximately 10 meters long and seven or eight meters wide, over the Kayalichka stream southeast of Pleven on the road to Lovech; this bridge can carry "the heaviest" vehicles; there is always water under the bridge and the stream is not fordable.

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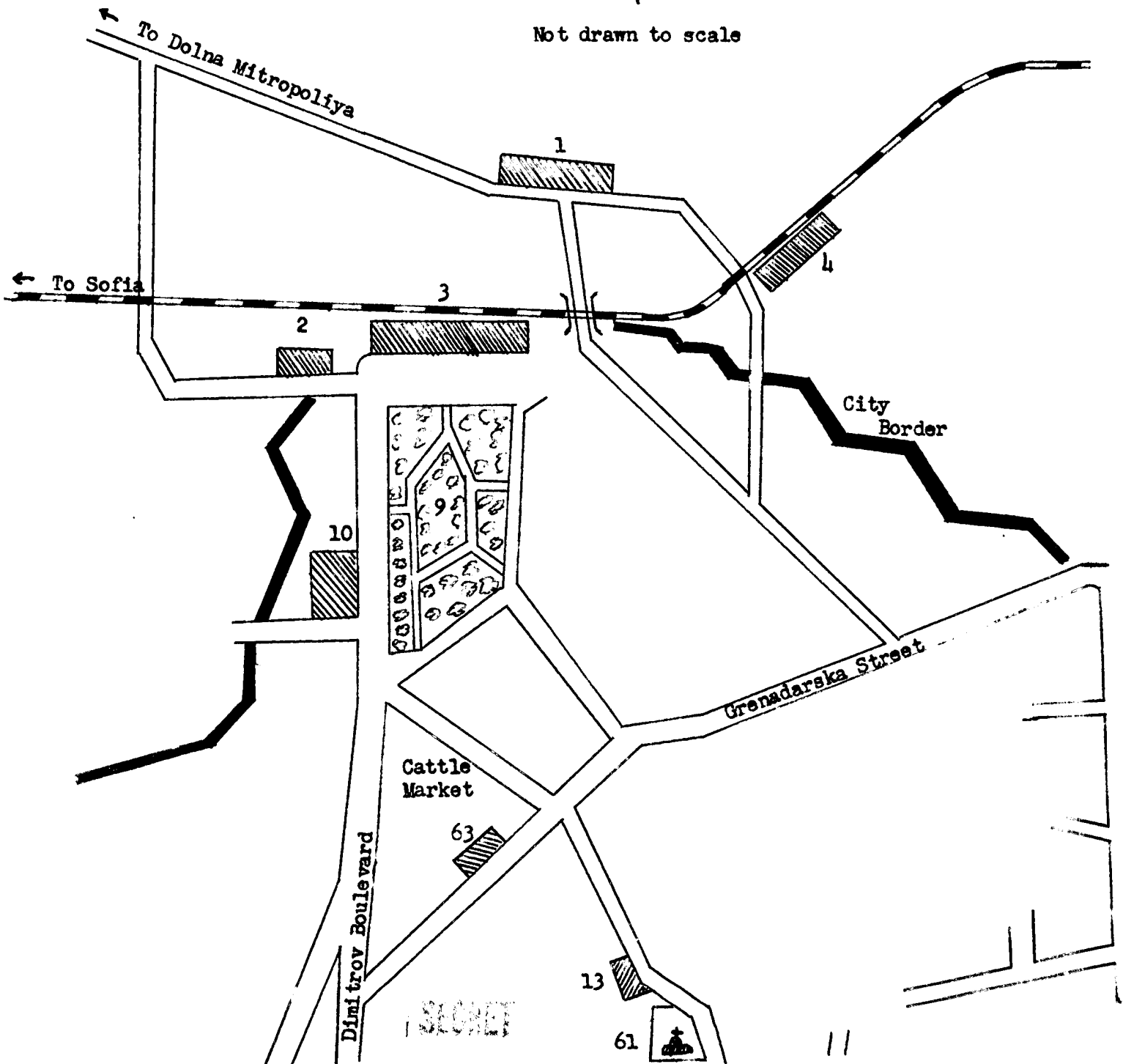
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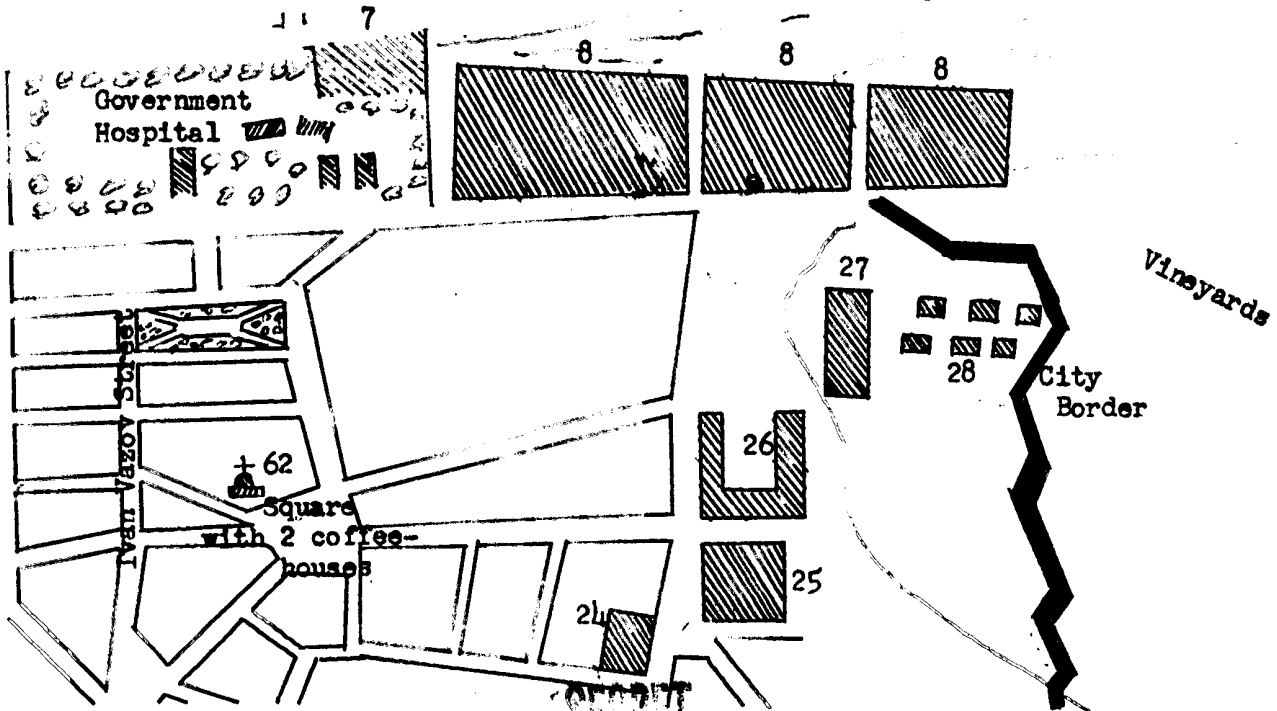
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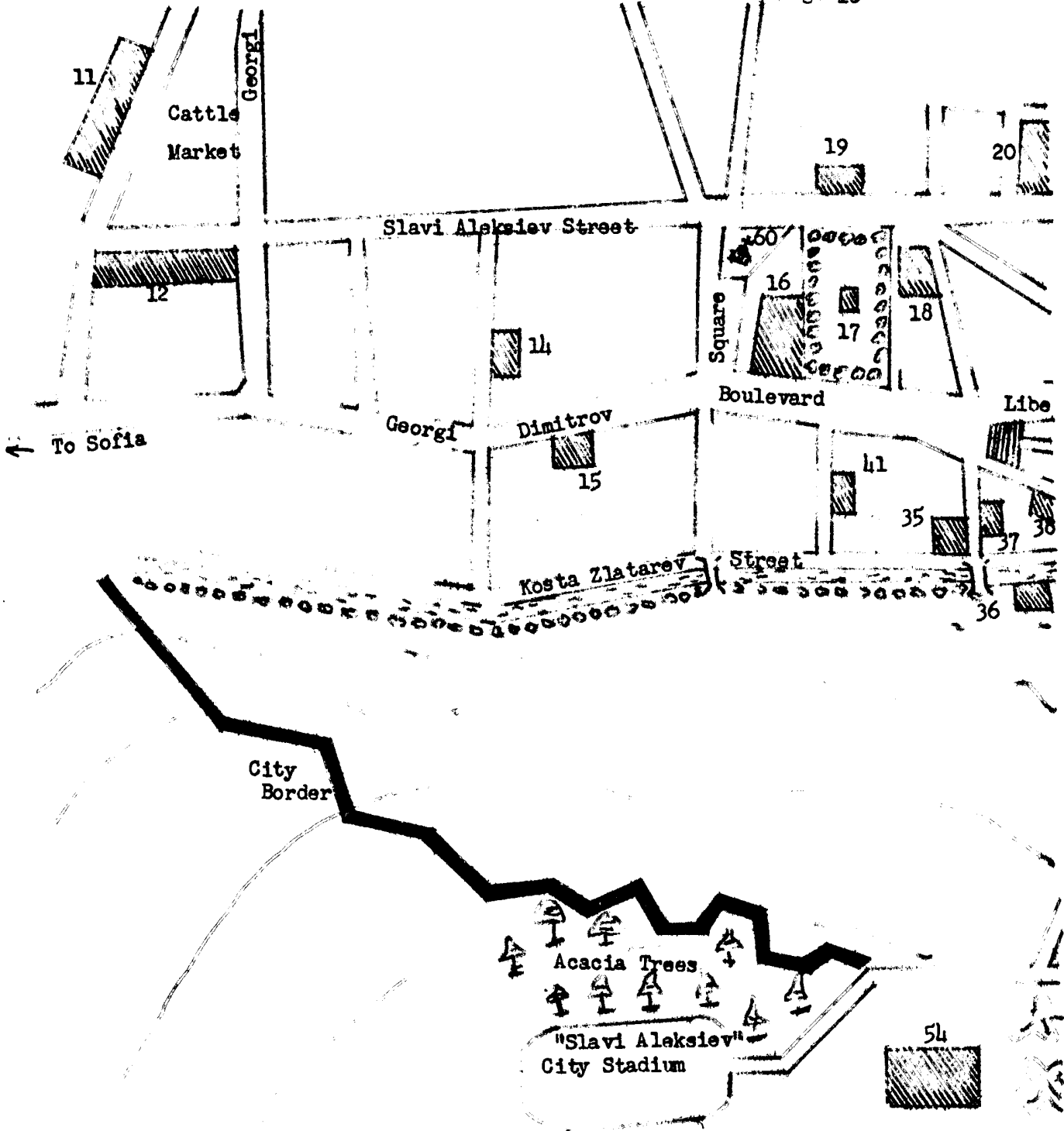
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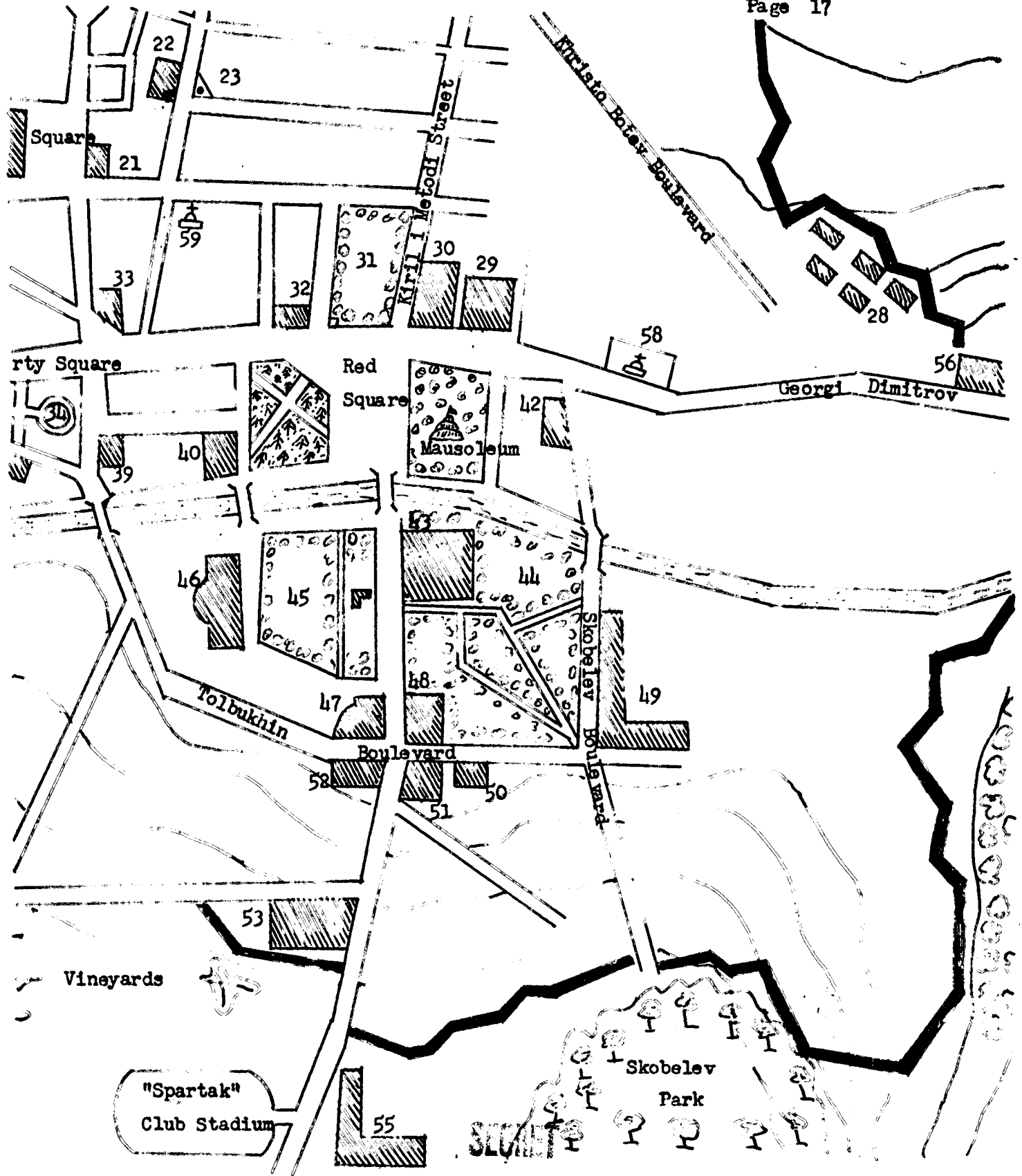
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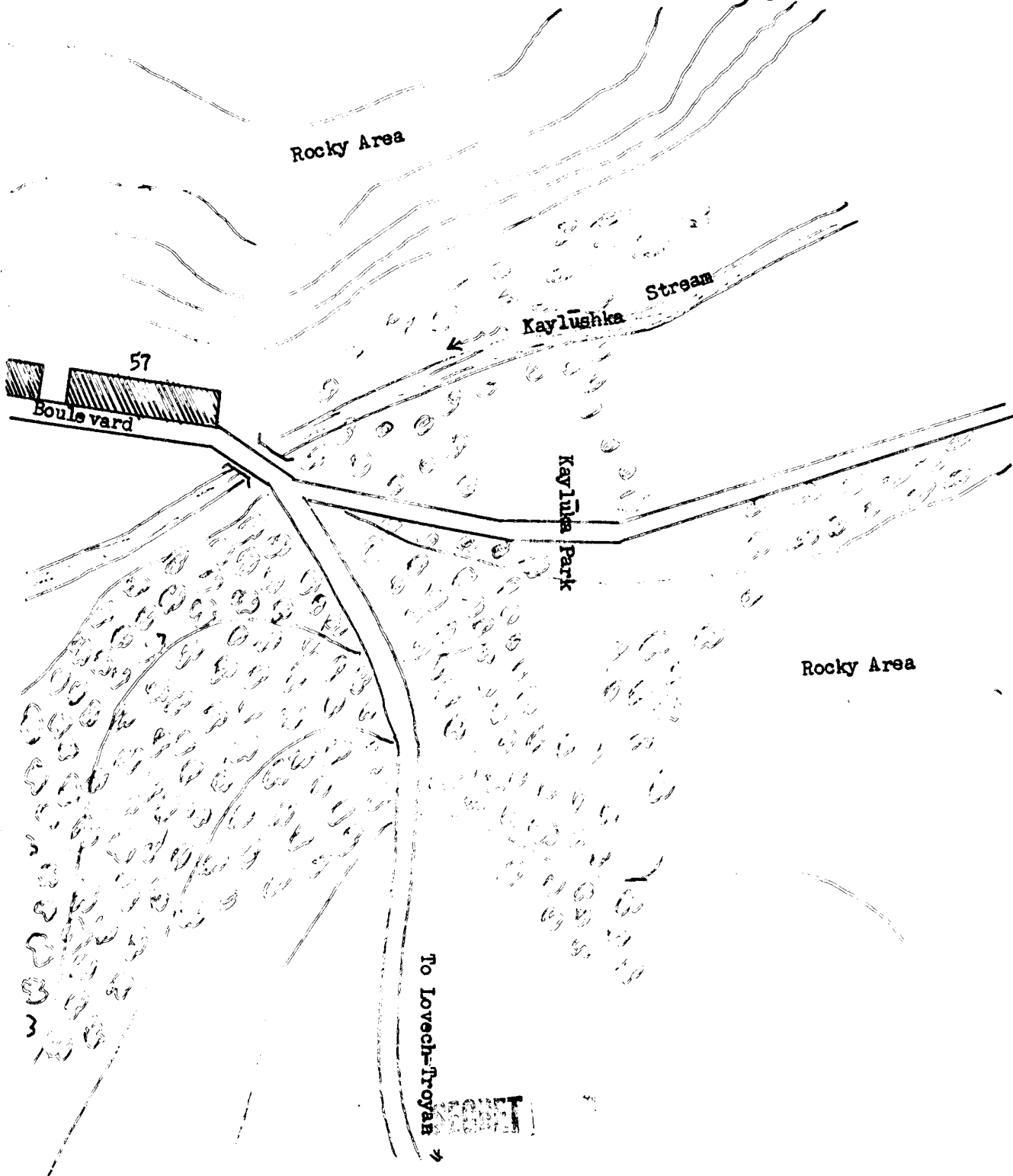
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