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Country: USSR

Subject: Intensification of Oil Production in the Grozny and Maykop Areas

Place Acquired: Istanbul

Date Acquired: Late May 53

Date of Info: April 1953

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Source:

1. "Considerable efforts have been made since the start of 1953 to increase oil production in the Grozny and Maykop areas.
2. "The former delegate of the Ministry of Oil Industry, (fnu) Kazlaev, was dismissed from his post as chief manager of the oil fields there, on charges of personnel purges which caused the transfer of the most skilled and efficient experts to less important oil fields in Siberia. He was replaced by a new delegate of the same Ministry, (fnu) Kalamkarov.
3. "Under Kalamkarov's direction the new Soviet and German oil specialists, who arrived from Moscow in 1953, are engaged in drilling new wells and deepening the existing ones in order to increase production to the utmost. These experts include the following engineers: (fnu) Apyatkin, (fnu) Palichkov, (fnu) Salin, (fnu) Singer and (fnu) Klein.
4. "In March 1953 new machines for deep drilling and pumps for pumping oil from the deepest wells were shipped to this area from factories in Tbilisi and Rustavi.
5. "Crude oil which up to March 1953 was stored in large cisterns, has been shipped away by rail and road transport since April. About four or five trains with oil tank cars are dispatched every night to the port of Astrakhan."

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