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VII/ET/No.658 aPOLANDARMED FORCES (300)
Soviet Army (309)Russian Troops in CRACOWSOURCE TRIESTE: A foreign national who legally left Poland.DATE OF OBSERVATION: August 1952.EVAL COMMENT: UNCONFIRMED. Believed to be a typical case of the kind of wild rumors which are circulating in the country.

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Toward the end of June 1952 all hotels in CRACOW, including also the most luxurious hotels such as the "France" and "Exelsior," were requisitioned by the military authorities. At the date of observation, however, these hotels were not all cleared as yet and there were insistent rumors claiming that Soviet troops were due to arrive very soon. Apart from the hotels which were certainly supposed to house the officers, also the lodgings of all those citizens who had been deported to various villages in the interior part of the country were planned to be occupied.

At the date of observation there were no Soviet troops stationed in CRACOW. Such troops were only staying in several villages around the town and were accommodated in summer camps.

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