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Military workshop A.R. 4 - BACAU

Construction of the work-shop began on 1 September 1950. Some 600 hectares of land were confiscated without any compensation from the local peasants. The estimated cost of construction amounts to six billion Lei. The purpose of the construction is not exactly known, but a large military airfield has been mentioned.

Engineer MOCEANU (fnu) was first director, replaced in October 1950 by IOVANESCU Felix. Chief of Personnel Department is LEPADATU (fnu). President of the workshop syndicates is MODREANU (fnu).

Some 1,000 workers are employed, 300 of them are soldiers. Accommodation has been provided for 2,000 workers.

The staff includes the following:

DRAGHIU Ion Member of PRM;

MARCUNSON Silvia if PRM, her brother is a lieutenant of security police.

SOLOMON Eugen, member of PRM.

Military director is engineer ATANESCU (fnu), a captain of the Ministry of War. He replaced Lt. BARBU Stefan.

The construction is periodically inspected by a Soviet colonel.

Up to 1 May 1951 the following works were accomplished:

- a) a railway, connecting the workshop to BACAU station, five kilometers distant;
- b) a side-road off the main BACAU-BUCHAREST road, leading to workshop area;
- c) a road to the workers' accommodation;
- d) a third road to the stores area;
- e) a red-brick garage (20 by 80 meters.) 30 meters distant from the railway;
- f) red-brick storehouse (12 by 60 meters);
- g) 30 meters distant from the side-road there is a building with a basement of reinforced concrete. Part of this is used as

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a refectory;

h) 300 meters distant from the workshop, a hangar is used for the inspecting Soviet colonel's plane (4⁵ by 80 meters.) The runway is 150 by 600 meters.

i) 200 meters distant from the railway the construction of two assembly plants has begun;

j) on the right bank of the Bistritza river a water pump station is connected with the temporary water reservoir of the refectory;

k) an underground hangar is to be constructed.

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