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Freedom of Information/
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Mr. John Young
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251 West 89th Street
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New York, New York 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

References:

- a. Your Freedom of Information Act request of April 18, 2001, for records pertaining to East Germany Intelligence Services Facilities, ZF300207W (our case #799F-01).
- b. Our letter of January 9, 2006, informing you we were unable to comply with the 20-day statutory time limit in processing your request (our case #118F-06).
- c. Our letters of March 27, 2006 and September 15, 2006, informing you we were still reviewing the records you requested and would respond to you once the review had been completed (our case #118F-06).

We have conducted checks of the automated Defense Central Index of Investigations and a search of the Investigative Records Repository to determine the existence of Army intelligence investigative records responsive to your request. We have located records pertaining to your request on East Germany Intelligence Services Facilities, ZF300207W.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 12958, as amended. As a result of our review, information has been sanitized and 226 pages of records are denied in their entirety as the information is currently and properly classified SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.2(a)(2), 1.2(a)(3) and 1.4(c) of EO 12958, as amended. This information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552(b)(1). It is not possible to reasonably segregate meaningful portions of the withheld pages for release. The records are enclosed for your use. A brief explanation of the applicable sections follows:

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14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: b6
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15. SUMMARY: (U) This report contains detailed information from b7(d) concerning the MfS County Office in SCHLEIZ (5034N-1149E/PB9906), the MfS District Office in GERA, and the MfS Investigative Custody Prison in GERA. The report includes information on the location, organization, strength, and personalities of these installations, including and installation sketch of the MfS District Office GERA and the MfS Investigative Custody Prison in GERA. The report also gives information on the training, pay, and allowances, and identification documents for MfS guard personnel.

(U) The NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION was added to this report b7(d)

1. (U) MfS County Office SCHLEIZ: (DOI: b7(d))
a. Subordination: This MfS County Office was subordinated to the MfS District Office GERA.
b. Location: SCHLEIZ, Hofer Strasse, opposite the post office located on the other side of the street.
c. Description: This was a two (2) story, gray plastered building surrounded by trees and grassed areas.
d. Strength: Approximately 20 persons.

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e. Personalities: Subject was only able to name one (1) person by name. He did not know the County Office Commander's name.

(1) [b6] First Name Unknown, approximately 50 years old, about 170 cm tall, heavy set, black hair with a crew cut, and spoke with a Thuringian accent.

(c) The following is a description of two (2) additional employees of this MFS office:

(a) Name unknown, male, approximately 63 years old, about 180 centimeters tall, strong, grey hair combed straight back, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in SCHLEIZ.

(b) Name unknown, male, approximately 26 years old, about 171 centimeters tall, slim, dark blond hair combed back, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in SCHLEIZ.

f. Guard Duty: The guard duty was performed by MFS employees. There was always one (1) man on duty. The tour of duty was 12 hours on and 12 hours off. The guard contingent consisted of four (4) men.

2. (c) MFS District Office GERA: (DOI: [b7(d)])

a. Subordination: This MFS District Office was subordinated to the MFS Headquarters in BERLIN-HOHENSCHOENHAUSEN (5231N-1323E/UU9119).

b. Location: GERA, Am Tordurchgang (At the Gate Passage).

c. Mailing Address: District Administration Office GERA, At the Gate Passage.

d. Description: Refer to Figure 1.

e. Strength: Approximately 100 to 120 persons.

f. Organization: This district office was organized into several departments of which only the following were known:

(1) Department 9: This department was responsible for interrogations. Department 9 also had a Special Section which was given special assignments. For example, in case of sabotage (a fire at the hospital SAALFELD, or at the saw mill in SCHLEIZ), in cases of attempted escape from Germany (by hiding in the car), and also for conducting identification processing of prisoners at the MFS Investigative Custody Prison.

(2) Department 14: This department ran the MFS Investigative Custody Prison.

(3) Department 0: This was the technical department responsible for listening devices and other technical equipment.

(4) Department "Commander's Work Group," was directly responsible to the District Office Commander.

(5) Records Department: This was where personal data files on former members of the SS and other organizations were filed.

g. Personalities:

(1) District Office Commander: [b6] First Name unknown, approximately 45 years old, about 178 centimeters tall, slim, grey crew cut hair, married, resided in GERA near the East Cemetery; he replaced [b6] [b6] below.

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(2) Former District Office Commander:

b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 48 years old, about 168 centimeters tall, obese, black hair, about half bald, wore glasses. He was allegedly transferred to the MFS Headquarters in BERLIN-HOHENSCHOENHAUSEN.

(3) Chief of Department 9:

b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 40 years old, about 177 centimeters tall, grey hair, wore glasses, non-smoker, spoke with Thuringian accent, had a sullen personality, resided in GERA near the District Office on a street leading toward RONNEBURG (5051N-121CE/US0138).

(4) Assistant Chief of Department 9:

b6 approximately 41 years old, about 173 centimeters tall, slim, athletic type, short wavy hair combed back, spoke with Thuringian accent, resided in GERA near the City-Theater. He was liaison officer to Department 14.

(5) Member, Department 9:

b6 approximately 32 years old, about 175 centimeters, slim, dark blond wavy hair, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA near the bicycle race track.

(6) Member, Department 9:

b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 27 years old, about 175 centimeters, slim, light blond crew cut hair, single, spoke with a Thuringian accent, b6 resided in GERA.

(7) Member, Department 9:

b6 approximately 23 years old, about 173 centimeters tall, black hair parted on the left, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, born in b6 b6 resided in GERA near the main railroad station. Supposedly his father was a captain assigned to the Passport Control Unit at the HIRSCHBERG (5025N-1149E/QA0089) East German Border Crossing point. He was the son-in-law of b6 He was a very good soccer player.

(8) Member, Department 9:

b6 approximately 26 years old, about 175 centimeters tall, strong, red curly hair, born in b6 resided in b6 b6 His father was the b6 County Leader of the Sozialistische Einheitspartei (SED) (Social Unity Party). He was a good soccer player and played in the upper league team of Dynamo in DRESDEN (5103N-1340E/VSO657).

(9) Member, Special Section, Department 9:

b6 approximately 52 years old, about 175 centimeters tall, grey wavy hair combed to the rear, wore glasses, non-smoker, strong bony build, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA.

(10) Member, Special Section, Department 9:

b6 Volker, approximately 26 years old, about 171 centimeters tall, weak build, black hair, smoked, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA.

(11) Member, Special Section, Department 9:

b6 female, approximately 24 years old, about 170 centimeters tall, slender, dark blond hair of medium length, spoke with Thuringian

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accent, resided in GERA. Her husband was supposed to have been member of the Commander's Work Group Department.

(12) Chief of Personnel:

b6 approximately 47 years old, about 175 centimeters tall, obese, grey hair, smoked cigarettes, drank hard liquor, had a heart condition, resided in GERA near the City Theatre on an extension of b6 Street. Several four (4) story apartment buildings were located here in which members of the MfS resided.

(13) Liaison Officer with the Passport Control Unit in HIRSCHBERG:

b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 40 years old, about 173 centimeters tall, dark blond hair, limped with his right leg, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA in the new buildings near the City Theatre.

(14) Sports Officer:

b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 44 years old, about 172 centimeters tall, slender athletic type, dark blond hair combed back with balding corners, married, resided in GERA near the City Theatre.

(15) Member of the District Office, Position Unknown:

b6 approximately 29 years of age, about 171 centimeters tall, slim, blond crew cut hair, married, resided in GERA by the City Theatre. He was a very good winter bicycle rider and cared for the weapons for the sportsmen in GERA.

(16) Member of the District Office, Position Unknown:

b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 32 years old, about 173 centimeters tall, strong build, dark hair, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA, on Ernst TOLLER Street. He used to be a bicycle racing rider and a member of the National Youth Team.

(17) MfS Investigative Custody Prison: (b01: b7(d))

a. Subordination: The MfS Prison was subordinate to the MfS District Office GERA.

b. Location: GERA, Am Tordurchgang.

c. Description: Refer to Figure 2. The whole building was painted a dirty pink, except the building containing the cell blocks, which was made of yellow cinder blocks.

d. Strength: The total strength of Department 14, which ran the prison, was approximately 30 persons of whom six (6) were employed in administration and the remaining personnel were guards divided into four (4) shifts of six (6) men each.

e. Mailing Address: District Administration Office GERA, At the Gate Passage.

f. Personalities:

(1) Chief of Department 14:

b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 50 years old, 172 centimeters tall, slightly corpulent, grey wavy hair combed back, wore glasses, non-smoker, had a scar under the left eye from a dueling wound, married, spoke High-German-Thuringian accent, resided in GERA near the City Theatre.

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(2) Assistant Chief of
Department 14:

b6 approximately 56 years old, about 168 centimeters tall, strong build, greying hair, married, non-smoker, wore reading glasses, had a liver ailment, spoke with a Thuringian accent, born in b6 near b6 resided in GERA-ZWOETZEN.

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(3) Party and Freie
Deutsche Jugend (FDJ)
(Free German Youth)
Secretary:

b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 24 years old, about 167 centimeters tall, heavy set, blond curly hair, smoker, had O shaped legs, married, spoke with Thuringian accent, resided in GERA.

(4) General Duty Officer:

b6 approximately 58 years old, about 173 centimeters tall, slightly corpulent, grey hair, combed back and parted in the middle, smoker, wore reading glasses, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA. He previously processed punishments against members of the MFS. However, since an auto accident in which he suffered head injuries, he has been very forgetful and has been working in Department 14. He was called "Girl Friday" by other members of the MFS because of his multi-assignments.

(5) First Driver:

Last Name Unknown, First Name b6 (presumably a nickname), approximately 26 years old, about 175 centimeters tall, slim, black hair parted on the left, smoker, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA. Believed to be a Sergeant First Class.

(6) Second Driver:

b6 approximately 28 years old, about 171 centimeters tall, slim, long blond hair, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA.

(7) Secretary:

b6 Female, approximately 30 years old, about 173 centimeters tall, heavy set, chestnut brown hair, married, slightly cross-eyed, non-smoker, resided in GERA, spoke with a Thuringian accent. Her husband allegedly had a fairly high position in the GERA MFS District Office.

(8) Prison Supply Officer:

b6 listed in (4) above, assisted by the first driver.

(9) Prison Guard Shift
Leader:

b6 approximately 38 years old, 178 centimeters tall, strong build, black hair combed to the rear, had a balding spot, married, smoked a pipe, used to be a carpenter, was the chairman of the Hunter's Association, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA an der Scheibe.

(10) Prison Guard Shift
Leader:

b6 approximately 30 years old, about 170 centimeters tall, strong build, red hair, married, used to be a blasting specialist, acted as an instructor for newly hired guards, is a good Judo expert, spoke with a Thuringian accent; his primary residence was in ROCKENDORF (NCA), his secondary in GERA.

(11) Prison Guard Shift
Leader:

b6 approximately

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24 years old, about 173 centimeters tall, corpulent, blond hair combed straight back, married, strong smoker, Judo expert, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA-ZWOETZEN, Nordstrasse.

(12) Prison Guard:

b6

approximately 50 years old, about 168 centimeters tall, fat, greying hair, divorced, wore reading glasses, spoke with a Silesian accent, was very strict, resided in GERA, Lenin Street.

(13) Prison Guard:

b6

approximately 63 years old, about 171 centimeters tall, skinny, grey hair combed back, married, wore glasses, non-smoker, quiet personality, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA-ZWOETZEN.

(14) Prison Guard:

Sergeant First Class, Last Name Unknown, b6 approximately 28 years old, about 174 centimeters tall, very slim, black hair, married, non-smoker, former member of the East German Army Border Command, liked to ride bicycles. He was training leader for the Sport Club Dynamo GERA Center. He spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in b6 He was irregularly assigned as a shift leader.

(15) Prison Guard:

b6

approximately 25 years old, about 174 centimeters tall, dark brown hair combed to the rear, single, smoker, came from the MFS Guard Regiment BERLIN, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in GERA at the intersection of Lenin Street and Strasse des Friedens (Street of Peace) in a backyard apartment.

(16) Prison Guard:

b6

approximately 19 years old, about 171 centimeters tall, slim, dark blond hair parted on the left, single, smoker, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in RONNEBURG.

(17) Prison Guard:

b6

First Name Unknown, approximately 20 years old, about 171 centimeters tall, heavy set, dark blond curly hair, wore glasses, smoker, spoke with a Thuringian accent.

g. Guard Duty:

(1) The prison guards had the mission of guarding the prisoners, taking care of them and especially watch out to insure that they were unable to establish contact among themselves or to commit suicide. Each shift consisted of a shift leader and four or five (5) guards.

(2) The day was divided into three (3) shifts. The morning shift started at 0545 hours and lasted until 1245 hours. The swing shift lasted from 1245 hours until 2145 hours and the night shift lasted from 2145 hours until 0545 hours. One (1) shift started Monday with the night shift and changed the following weeks to the morning and swing shifts so that in four (4) weeks they returned to the night shift. The following times applied to the individual shifts:

(a) First Week: Night shift from Monday 2145 hours until Saturday 0545 hours; Saturday 1745 hours to Sunday 0545 hours; Sunday 1745 hours until Monday 0545 hours.

(b) Second Week: Monday and Tuesday free; Wednesday field training and practice firing at the range ROCKENDORF near POESNECK; Thursday and Friday the swing shift, Saturday and Sunday free.

(c) Third Week: Monday to Wednesday swing shift; Thursday

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protection of classified material, and the latest duty regulations); Friday the morning shift, Saturday and Sunday 0545 hours to 1745 hours.

(d) Fourth Week: Monday to Thursday morning shift; Friday through Sunday free.

(e) Fifth Week: Monday the same cycle as above started again.

h. General Information on the Prison:

(1) There were 50 cells located in this investigative custody prison. However, all of them were not occupied. The prison was divided into four (4) stations. Each station had from 12 to 14 cells. The first station was unoccupied. Each station had a group cell for five (5) to eight (8) persons. However, only those persons who had been sentenced could stay in the group cells. The other cells had a capacity of two (2) persons each. The prison had a capacity of 90 to 95 prisoners. If some of the cells were empty, then the prisoners were placed in every second cell to prevent communication between cells by means of tapping.

(2) On principle, the guard personnel never learned the names of the prisoners who were imprisoned for political crimes. Each prisoner was given a number which was also attached to the cell door. The majority of the prisoners were in jail because of attempted escape from East Germany. After they had been sentenced by the District Court, they only remained a few more days in the investigative custody until they could be sent to a regular prison to serve their sentences.

(3) During the period from the Summer 1968 until November 1970, there were an average of from three (3) to 30 prisoners in the prison at one (1) time. During the Czech crisis, the number of prisoners increased considerably.

4. ~~(C)~~ MFS Identification Documents: The MFS identification document was 10 centimeters wide and seven (7) centimeters high. This document was turned in every two (2) or three (3) years and a new one of a different color issued in its place. The identification document contained the rank, date of employment, and promotions of the bearer. It also indicated whether he was authorized to carry weapon. The name of the bearer was not entered on the document. This document was renewed on a quarterly basis.

5. ~~(C)~~ MFS Training: The basic training lasted approximately two (2) months. This training was given in SCHLEIZ. During the training they were billeted in barracks which had previously been used by Autobahn construction workers. They were given instruction in firing, drill, judo, close combat and combat in built up areas. They were also given instruction on general current topics and political subjects. They underwent their practice firing at the police firing range located near GROCHWITZ/SCHLEIZ. They were also given instruction on antitank launcher. All members of the Mfs guard personnel were armed with AK Assault Rifles and Makarov Pistols.

6. ~~(C)~~ Pay: During the basic training period, the pay was DME 360 per month. With the rank of private they received DME 499 per month and as corporal they were paid DME 720 per month.

7. ~~(C)~~ The following personnel were recruited at the same time as Source:

a. ~~(C)~~ b6 approximately 22 years old, slim, dark brown hair, spoke with Thuringian accent, was assigned as a corporal with the Passport Control Unit in HIRSCHBERG.

b. ~~(C)~~ b6 approximately 21 years old, strong, about 175 centimeters tall, black hair, married, spoke with a Thuringian accent, resided in POERMITZ (5036N-1148E/PB9810), was assigned as corporal with the Passport Control Unit in HIRSCHBERG.

c. ~~(C)~~ b6 approximately 24 years old, about 173 centimeters tall, strong, blond hair, single, smoker, spoke with a hard dialect, came from MARKNEUKIRCHEN (5018N-1219E/UR0976), resided in ~~(C)~~ b6 was a staff serg-

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geant and shift leader at the MFS District Office in GERA.

d. b6 approximately 23 years old, about 176 centimeters tall, slender, black hair, married, smoker, presumably came from POESSNECK, spoke with a Thuringian accent, was a staff sergeant with the Passport Control Unit HIRSCHBERG.

e. b6 First Name Unknown, approximately 22 years old, about 176 centimeters tall, smoker, spoke with a Thuringian accent, rank unknown, assigned to the MFS County Office in JENA (5056N-1135E/PB8145), resided in JENA.

f. b6 approximately 22 years old, about 176 centimeters tall, slender, dark hair, married, heavy smoker, played soccer, spoke with a Thuringian accent, came from GERA, was a staff sergeant and had an operational assignment.

8. (U) The following MFS officer was also known to Source: b6
b6, approximately 30 years old, about 178 centimeters tall, had a potbelly, black hair, liked to drink beer, spoke with a Thuringian accent, came from ILMENAU (5041N-1055E/PB3516). Up to 1969 he was employed as an interrogator at the GERA MFS District Office. He was then transferred to BERLIN. He was assigned to the MFS Headquarters in BERLIN HOHENSCHOENHAUSEN. His official telephone number in BERLIN was extension 443.

9. (U) The District Court in GERA was located in the same building as the Investigative Custody Prison. One District Attorney employed there was b6 First Name Unknown, who resided in GERA-BIEBLACH.

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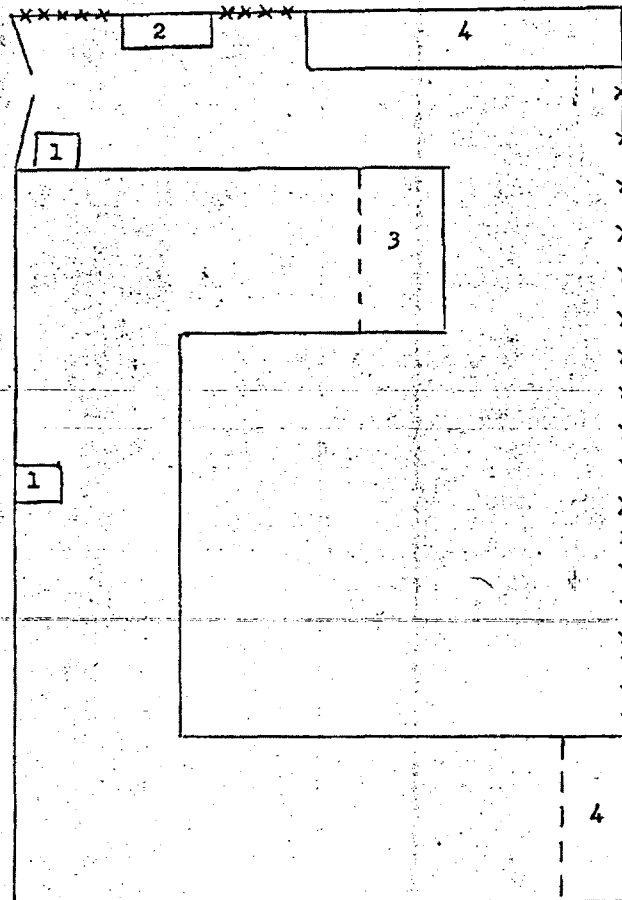
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Figure 2 (a) GERA (5052N-1204E/T99440) Installation Sketch of the
Ministry for State Security District Office.

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MINISTRY FOR STATE SECURITY DISTRICT OFFICE GERA

This was a U Shaped, three (3) story building painted a dirty pink color.

1. Guard at main entrance and at the vehicle entrance.
2. Dog kennel for two (2) vicious German Shepard dogs.
3. The building was used as follows:
 - a. First Floor: Kitchen.
 - b. Second Floor: An arms room which could be recognized by the steel bars on the windows, dayroom, and a changing room for the cleaning women.
 - c. Third Floor: Club room for movies and entertainment and the District Commander's Office.
4. Hut for the storage of miscellaneous objects.

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Figure 1, Page 2 (0) GERA (5052N-1204E/T99440), Installation Sketch of the Ministry for State Security District Office.

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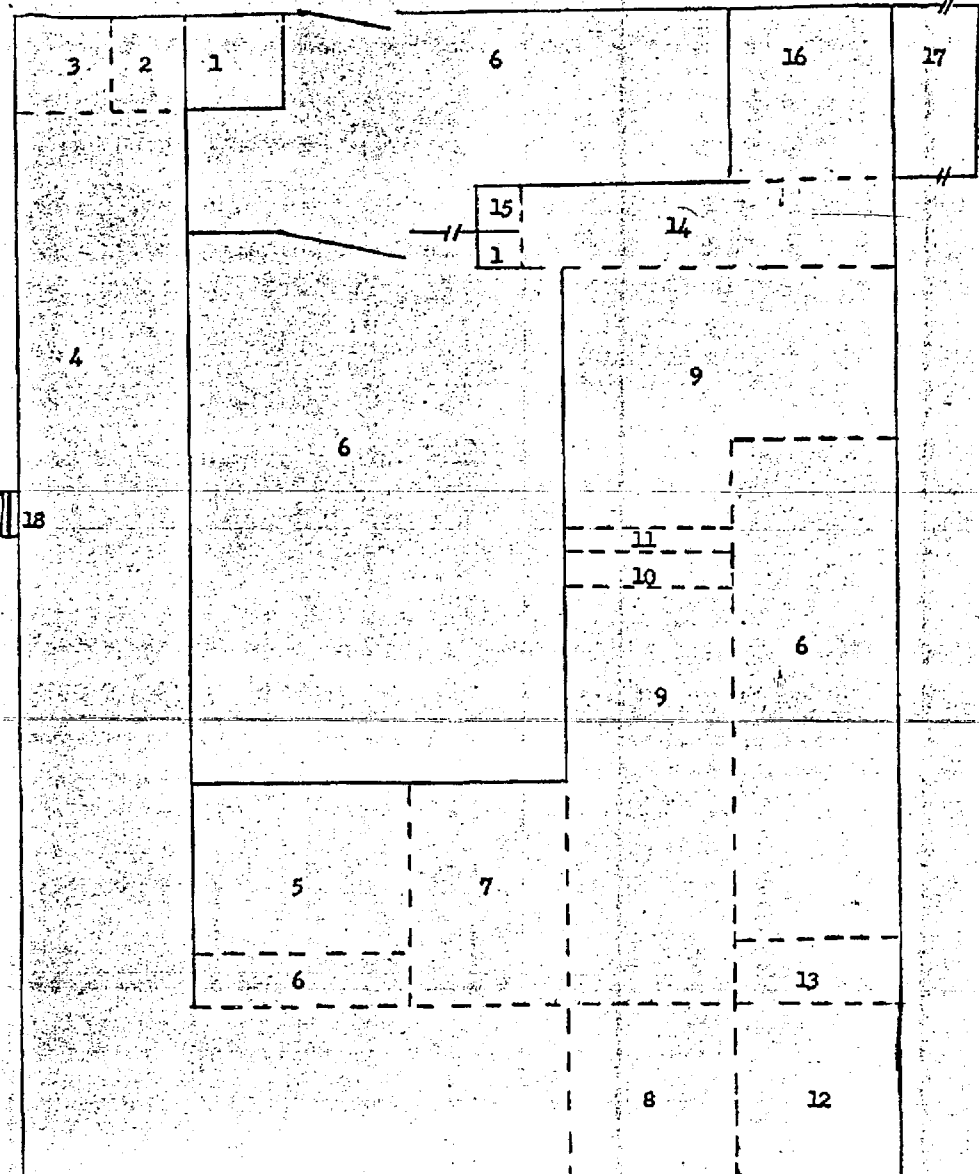
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1. Guard at the outer gate and at the entrance to the inside yard.
2. Office for the secretary of Department 14.
3. Office for the Head of Department 14. The offices of the Special Section of Department 8 were located above Numbers 2 and 3.
4. District Court, consisting of three (3) floors.
5. Courtroom.
6. Yard.
7. Garages; first floor contained clothing issue point.
8. Storage room.
9. Cell block consisting of five (5) floors as follows:
 - a. First floor: Kitchen, food storage room, wash rooms and showers.
 - b. Second floor: Station 1 (not occupied).
 - c. Third floor: Station 2.
 - d. Fourth floor: Station 3.
 - e. Fifth floor: Station 4.
10. Washrooms for MfS guard personnel. They were located on each floor near the stairwell.
11. Stairwell.
12. This section was used as follows:
 - a. First and second floors: Offices.
 - b. Third floor: An apartment, occupants unknown.
13. Toilet and cleaning equipment storage area.
14. Offices of Department 9. They occupied all five (5) floors.
15. Guard ready room.
16. Garages.
17. Movie house "Palast."
18. Main entrance to the District Court.

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2. (C) Introduction

Source did not agree with the regime's ideology, but decided to join the SED because he felt its members had better jobs and chances for advancement. Source signed up for three years with the Army and took basic training in SCHLEIZ. The 14 trainees were taught infantry tactics, first aid, CRB and political indoctrination. They fired the AK-47. After 8 weeks of training Source was supposed to go to an unidentified b7(d)

b7(d) However, during the sixth week of training Source was called into the office and was interviewed by a man in civilian clothing, b6. After some non-military questions, Source was asked if he wanted to join the Army for 10 years. He would be assigned b7(d) with the MfS in GERA. Source agreed, and after basic training was sworn in by his CO at the training unit, b6. Source has no explanation as to why he was chosen. He believes it was because of his SED membership. He arrived in GERA b7(d) and reported to the MfS headquarters of the GERA district. He lived in an apartment b7(d) about 800 meters NE of the MfS Hq. Listening to Western radio programs, Source became pro-West. Despite the number of inmates he saw brought in because of escape attempts, Source decided to defect. His movements as b7(d) were restricted to GERA. He started drinking, and after a few insults of the police, he was called in by the CO and told that due to his excessive drinking, he could no longer be used b7(d). b7(d) He was discharged a few days later. Source next worked b7(d) b7(d) from where he planned his escape for b7(d).

3. (C) Location

(See Figure 1)

The MfS district headquarters (MfS Bezirks Verwaltung), and the pre-trial confinement (Untersuchungshaft) facility, for political offenders are located in the center of GERA, about 1 km SE of the main RR station. The MfS Hq is located on the west side of Am Tor Durchgangstrasse, and the pre-trial confinement facility is on the east side of the same street. The installation can be reached by streetcar No. 1, which runs south of MfS Hq on Sofgstrasse.

4. (C) Description

The large pre-World War II buildings are of red and gray brick and large cement block construction. They have gabled red tile roofs. The pre-trial confinement facility has 4 stories, and Hq has 3 stories. The smaller buildings, e.g., garages, are dark yellow. The entire complex is enclosed by a wall 24 cm thick and 4 m high. The two gray gates are wooden. For greater security a second wall was built between the first wall and the parking area (Figure 2). This wall is also 4 m high and 24 cm thick.

The entire complex is well lit at night with large spot lights. Hq building has no fence around it, (Figure 2, #11). However, there is only one entrance, and it is guarded. The door is electrically operated. At night the building is locked, and few walking guards are posted inside.

The facility has 75 cells, 25 each on the 2d, 3d, and 4th floors (Figure 2, #8). The 4th floor was never used, and the 2d floor was used for female inmates. The messhall and supply are located on the first floor. The interrogation building had numerous rooms (Figure 2, #6). Source has only been on the 1st floor where he counted 9 rooms. Other floors were off limits to everyone who was not there for questioning.

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5. (C) Subordination and Mission

a. Subordination

The GDR has 14 MfS districts, plus a 15th in EAST BERLIN. Each district has a Hq, GERA being Hq of the 10th District. All MfS district Hq are under the direct control of the MfS in BERLIN-Pankow. The Hq in GERA in turn controls all small sections of the MfS throughout the 10th District. The pre-trial confinement facility is directly under the district Hq. The guard section, section 14, and the interrogation section, section 9, are both subordinate to the district Hq.

b. Mission

Although Source saw nothing in writing, during a briefing when he first arrived at the MfS his CO, [b6] told Source

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Through discussion

Source later learned that the MfS job was espionage and counterespionage.

6. (C) Activities

a. MfS District Headquarters, GERA

Source has never been inside the district Hq building. However, he discussed some of the MfS activities with secretaries that have worked there. The commander was [b6] about 46 years old. All personnel except guards wore civilian clothing. Hq employed about 300 men and women, all members of the MfS. Source said no civilians worked in the building. The building was under maximum security, and only persons holding a letter of invitation or MfS ID card could enter the building.

b. MfS Pre-trial Confinement (Untersuchungshaft) Facility

The pre-trial confinement facility for political offenders always had from 4 to 35 inmates. Most had been caught at the border attempting an escape. During the Czechoslovakian uprising students were also brought to the installation.

Individuals were held up to 8 months. Source knew of a man about 56 years old who spent 6 months there and was sentenced to 6 years imprisonment. He was a professor at the University of Leipzig, who had made a derogatory remark against the USSR, GDR and the Warsaw Pact in a speech to students during the Czechoslovakian disturbance. At the same time one student was sentenced to 2 years for anti-GDR speeches and distributing leaflets at the University of Jena. Source saw about 30 students during the Czech uprising at the PTC, most of whom were released after a few weeks of interrogation.

Source occasionally had duty during court proceedings and saw one female about 25 years old sentenced for helping a few people to defect. She was given an 18-month sentence.

c. Section 9 was responsible for interrogation and trials. The Chief of the 20-man section was [b6] XO and political officer was [b6]. The interrogation chief was [b6]. The rest, all interrogators, were of unknown rank because they wore civilian clothing and used cover names.

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b6 Each individual was interrogated and reports were submitted through to the Judge at the facility. The judge decided whether to prosecute. Source knows of 6 cases where individuals were released without a trial. The interrogation was done in a humane manner, loud language was used, but no beating or other physical torture.

d. Section 14, Guard and Security

Section 14 of the MfS District HQ was responsible for guarding the prisoners and the security of the installation. The section has 32 EM and the following officers:

b6

CO of Guard Section

XO and Security Officer

Special Guards (trial guard officer)

Guard Officer, QD

Guard Officer, OD

Guard Officer, OD

The entire installation had four (4) guards on duty 24 hours a day. (See Figure 2, 12 and 13). Shifts lasted 8 hours in the cells on the second and third floors, and every 2 hours at the main and secondary gates. The special guard was used only during trials for the duration. The guard was responsible for the prisoner all the time. He had to take him from his cell to the confinement facility and to the Marshall if applicable until the evening.

The installation had good security and was well illuminated at night. There were no warning devices, but the 4 m-high wall was impossible to scale. Furthermore, the cells had steel bars and were on the second floor and higher.

Each member of the guard and all other personnel working in the facility had MfS ID. They also had to show their civilian ID. It was impossible for anyone else to enter the installation. Personnel were admitted on official business only.

7. (S) Miscellaneous

While serving b7(d) Source had political training and went to SED meetings. Every member of b7(d) had 2 hours of political training each Thursday at 1400 hours.

The classes, presented by b6 were mostly lectures on the world situation and readings on Marxism and Leninism.

Source gave 3% of his pay for SED membership dues, which he says was worthwhile. SED meetings cover GDR propaganda and always praise the regime for its economical improvements. However, one could see that there was little improvement; much more could be accomplished without the imposed pressure on people and the lack of liberty.

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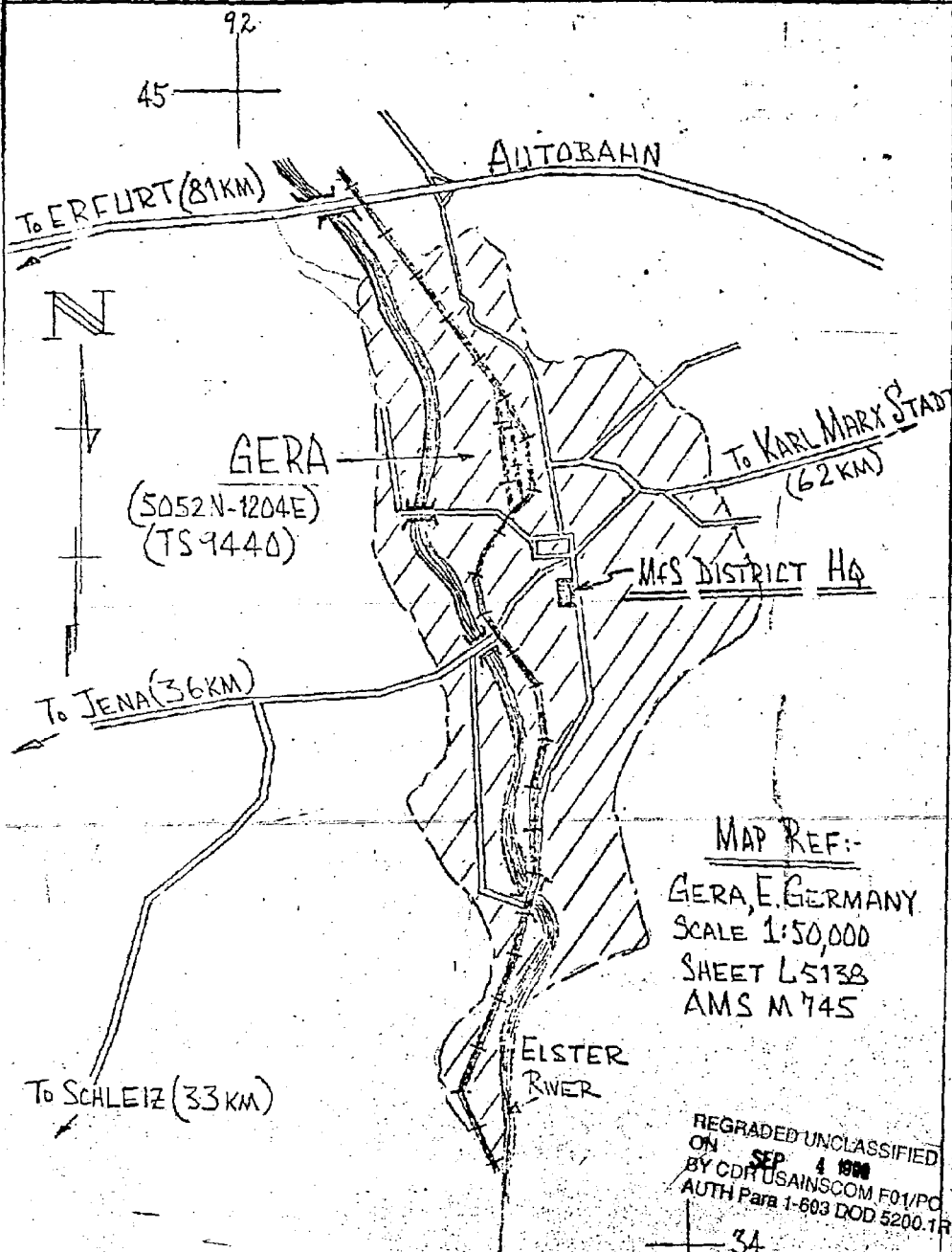
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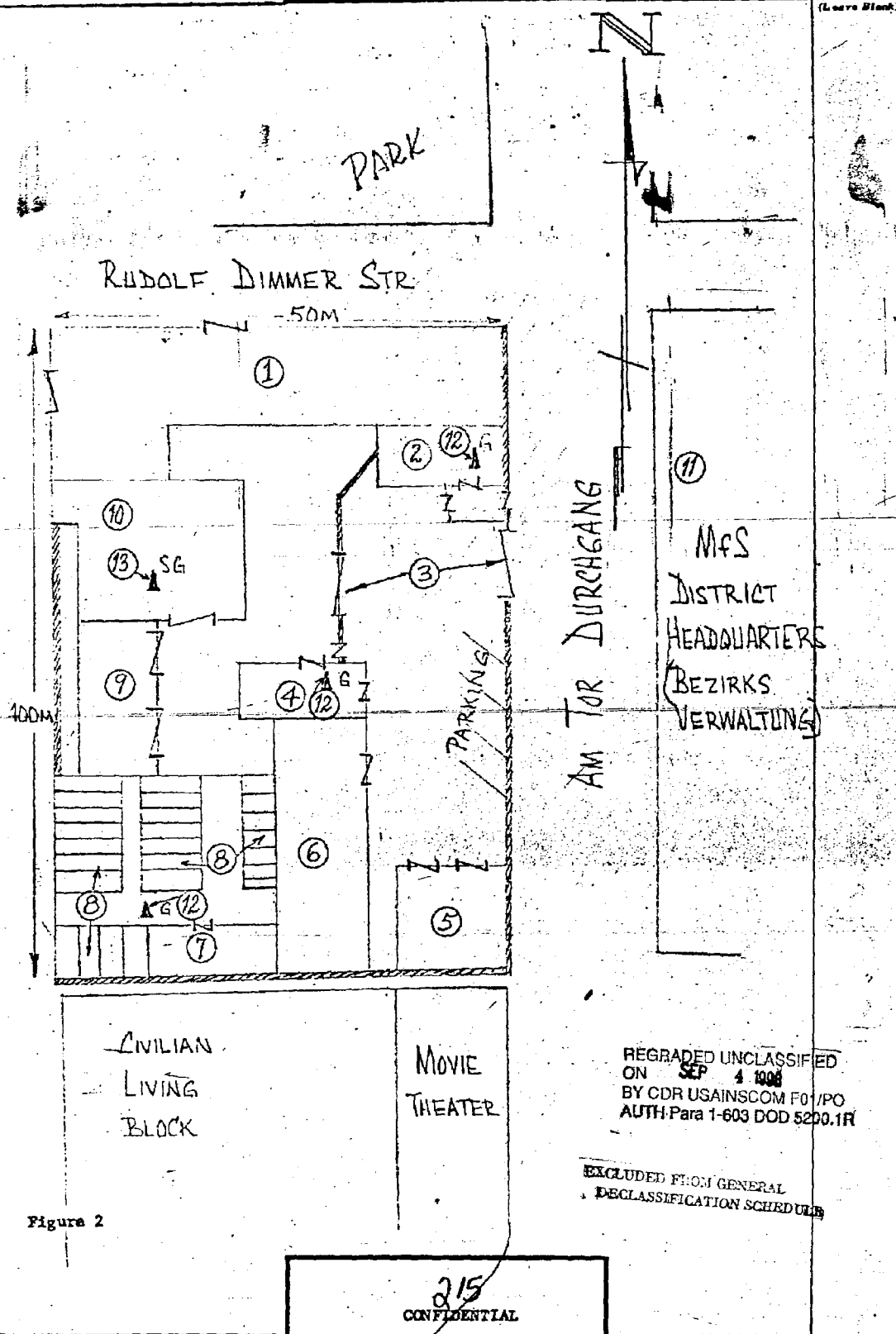
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1. Criminal civil court
2. Gate Guard and control office
3. Main and second gates, wood
4. Guard House and Guard Section Administration
5. Garage for 2 vehicles
6. Section 9 of MFS Interrogation
7. Open area for prisoners
8. Cells
9. Garage, and supply room
10. MFS Trial court for political crimes
11. MFS District Headquarters
12. Guards
13. Special Guards

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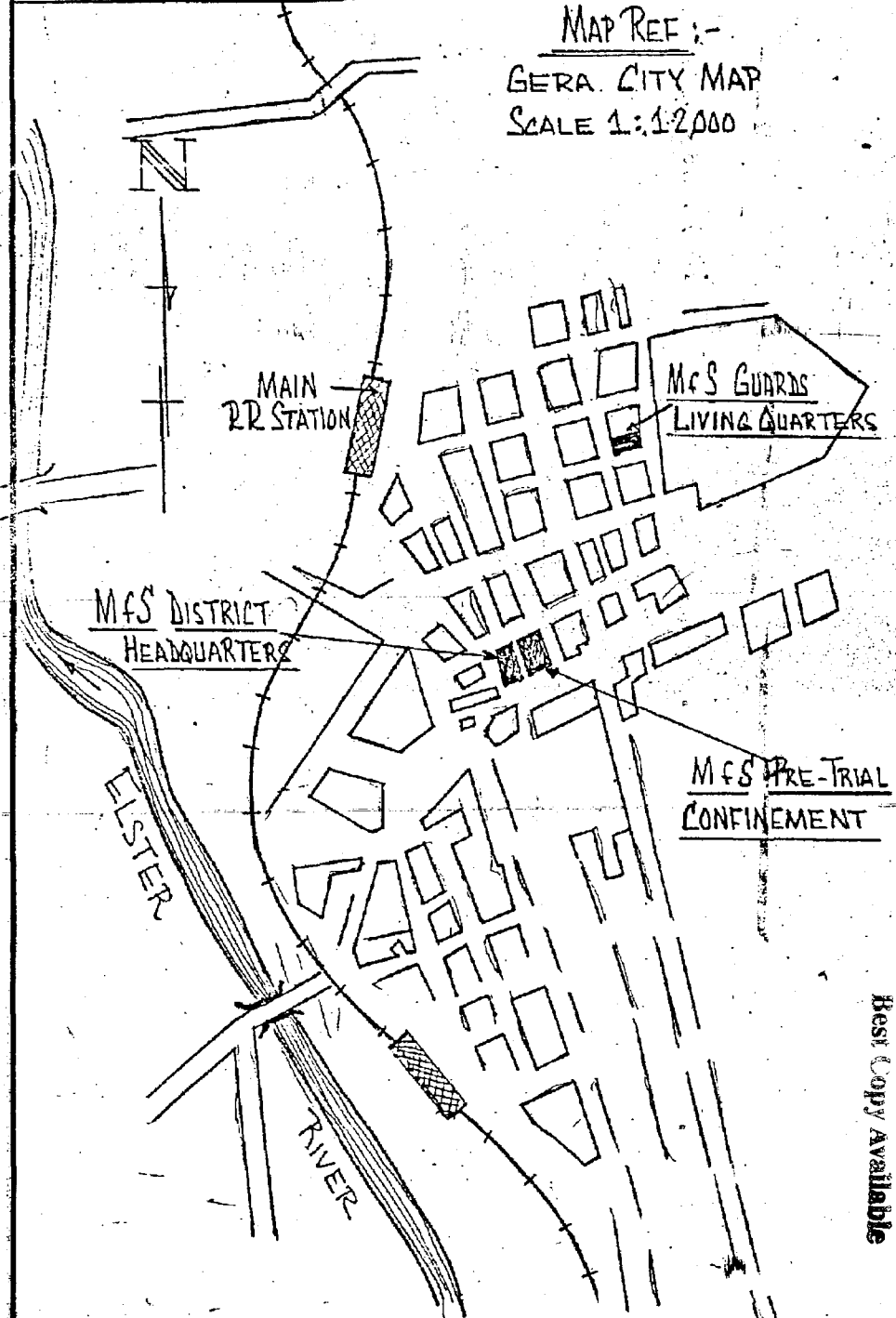
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