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SUGGESTED CHANGES

CHAPTER V

1. Paragraph 2, 5th line, delete "most probable".

From a military point of view it would appear naive on our part to say that the large-scale of military planning was most probably designed during the last days of October or before. By the nature of things it was certainly worked out then or before the end of October.

2. Wherever the word "insurgents" is given one should put either freedom-fighters or Hungarian fighters.

3. Paragraph 3, 2nd line, delete "as such".

These two words give the impression that while no Hungarian units fought there may ~~be~~ ^{have been} masses of Hungarians who did fight on the side of the Soviet troops.

4. In paragraph 3 I also see that the statement regarding the fighting of the Hungarian Army in the Citadel and in the Mátra and Bükk mountains seems to be ill-placed since this fighting was later, i.e., from the 5th of November onwards, which is the tail end of the uprising. Therefore I suggest the second sentence of paragraph 3 to read:

"Not only the Army unit at the Kilián Barracks but other units of the Hungarian Army fought on the side of the uprising."

Data regarding the fighting of the Citadel, Mátra and Bükk mountains will be found in paragraphs 12, 27 and 28.

5. The beginning of paragraph 6 is disjointed. I suggest the following:
"All these factors had created sympathy between the civilian fighters and the young officers and soldiers of the Hungarian Army. However, various Revolutionary Committees remained on the whole distrustful of the Army Command and the senior officers in general, and this to a large extent impeded the task of the Revolutionary Council of the Army and the Command of the National Guard. By 1 November a working relationship was established between the new Command of the Army

and the fighting groups located in Greater Budapest. But this was achieved only because the presence of the popular hero General Maleter constituted a guarantee that the pro-Soviet officers were in eclipse."

This passage would take the place from All these factors to the end of the third sentence with the insurgents of Greater Budapest.

6. In paragraph 8, second line, "Náder of the Air Force" is given the title of General. Up to 28 October he was a Colonel. Was he promoted to the rank of General? If we do not know I suggest we call him Colonel, even though some witnesses have given him the title of General.

7. In paragraph 10, the first sentence repeats what was said in paragraph 6. A slight modification is suggested:

"Reports by witnesses clearly brought out that the various fighting groups continued to show a lack of confidence in the Hungarian Military Command on the night of 3-4 November."

8. In paragraph 12, if the report does not show the amount of destruction inflicted upon the buildings of Budapest, it would seem appropriate to give the official Hungarian data as a last, but one sentence of this paragraph.

9. Paragraph 17, 6th line from the bottom, I suggest the fusion of the two sentences by the addition of two words as follows:

"Their ammunition was practically exhausted and with the cessation of hostilities in Budapest it was now possible for the Soviet forces to concentrate on Csepel."

10. Paragraph 25, in the last but one sentence of the paragraph we might say: "Some witnesses who had been deported have stated before the Committee that they had met some Veszprém students in prison in the Soviet Union."