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Section III. The Survey of the Complications on the Soviet-Manchurian Frontiers

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Generally speaking, the frontiers between Manchoukuo and the Soviet Union (including those between Manchoukuo and Mongolia) were calm in 1941. There were no such collisions between big forces as had occurred in the previous years. and it is a phenomenon worthy of notice that the sum total of the unlawful acts committed by the Soviet Union has shown the tendency to decrease gradually from 1939 onward. If we inquire into the nature of these unlawful acts, however, we have to notice the rapid increase of such intentional acts as the violation of the territorial air and the plotted transgression of the border. Moreover, we cannot but recognize the outstanding tendency of aggravation in their malignant nature. The following is a list of totals of the unlawful acts of the Soviet Union in 1938 and following years, classified by their respective kinds.

|      | Unlawful firing, violation of border, kidnapping, detention | Violation of territorial air | Interruption in river navigation |
|------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1938 | 133   | 27                           | 3                                |
| 1939 | 148   | 42                           | 1                                |
| 1940 | 94  | 17                           | 8                                |
| 1941 | 44  | 47                           | 3                                |

  

|      | Detention of boundary marks and reefs | Others | Total |
|------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1938 | —                                     | 3      | 166   |
| 1939 | —                                     | 4      | 195   |
| 1940 | 28                                    | 4      | 151   |
| 1941 | 3                                     | 1      | 98    |

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The total of the unlawful acts of the Soviet Union on the Soviet-Manchurian frontiers, classified by months, their respective kinds, and the districts where they were committed, are as follows:

|                | Unlawful firing,<br>violation of border,<br>kidnapping, detention | Violation of<br>territorial | Interruption in<br>air river navigation | Detention of boundary<br>marks and rafts | Others | Total |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--------|-------|
| Jan. &<br>Feb. | 6   | 2                           | —                                       | —  | —      | 8     |
| Mar.           | 5   | 2                           | —                                       | —  | —      | 7     |
| Apr.           | 1   | —                           | —                                       | —  | —      | 1     |
| May            | 1   | 3                           | 1                                       | —  | —      | 5     |
| Jun.           | 5   | 10                          | —                                       | —  | 1      | 16    |
| Jul.           | 4   | 7                           | —                                       | —  | —      | 11    |
| Aug.           | 3   | 5                           | —                                       | —  | —      | 8     |
| Sep.           | 10  | 6                           | 2                                       | 1  | —      | 19    |
| Oct.           | 1   | 1                           | —                                       | 2  | —      | 4     |
| Nov.           | 3   | 9                           | —                                       | —  | —      | 12    |
| Dec.           | 5   | 2                           | —                                       | —  | —      | 7     |
| Total          | 44  | 47                          | 3                                       | 3  | 1      | 98    |

| Districts<br>Kinds   | Eastern frontier  |                  |       | Northern frontier | Western frontier |                   | Total | Total<br>sum |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|
|  | Overland frontier | Sungari & Ussuri | Total |                   | Edsin-gol River  | Overland frontier |       |              |
| Unlawful firing,<br>violation of border,<br>kidnapping, detentions | 5                 | 13               | 18    | 15                | 10               | —                 | 10    | 44           |
| Violation of the<br>territorial air                                | 18                | 10               | 28    | 15                | 2                | 2                 | 4     | 47           |
| Interruption in<br>river navigation,<br>unlawful surveying         | —                 | 2                | 2     | 1                 | —                | —                 | —     | 3            |
| Detention of boundary<br>marks and rafts                           | —                 | —                | —     | 2                 | —                | —                 | —     | 3            |
| Others   | 1                 | —                | 1     | —                 | —                | —                 | —     | 1            |
| Total  | 24                | 25               | 49    | 35                | 12               | 2                 | 14    | 98           |