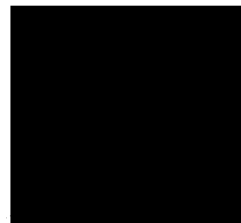


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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three FOIA(b)(3) reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

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30 May 1943

The Soviet Union

Military Economic Report 6/5

GENERAL

(1) The personnel situation continues unfavorable. All measures undertaken to combat this situation have not had any effective result. The pool of women will be strengthened for the future. Recently convicts were used as workers in industry. Despite the lack of personnel, draft exemptions in various oblasti are being increased in greater number.

(2) As already mentioned several times, the fish catch has been sharply increased in importance and expansion. The established plans for catching could be partially realized. The already reported shortage of salt, which probably is connected with the increased sale of fish, has not yet been corrected.

(3) The difficulties in the procurement of seed corn are to be regarded with a few exceptions as solved.

(4) Because of the shortage of deliveries of explosives, coal mining in Tkvibuli and Tkvarcheli has fallen into difficulties. First of all, the insufficient delivery of explosives can be partly compensated by falling back on the existing supplies. In May, however, the coal shipment was considerably reduced.

(5) The Transcaucasian coal mines lack mine timber. The shortage has been partly corrected up to the present time.

(6) To advance production and encourage zeal for work, the system of rewards and bonuses will be built up still more. After the introduction of disciplinary regulations for the NK for the River Fleet, in which a complete section is devoted to bonuses and prizes, bonuses are also now to be introduced for the fulfillment of armaments orders. (Separately listed under "Production") In general, it is suggested that the Russians are making the greatest efforts to

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increase armaments production and everything which contributes to the increase of the armaments potential. It must be done with extreme care and energy in the oblasti which were recaptured not long ago (Caucasus) and in the cities which lie close behind the front (Rostov/Don).

(7) The transport situation on the railroads is strained as before. The demands for cars considerably exceed--especially for the Metal Industry--the load capacity of the lines.

INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES

1.) Personnel Situation

(8) In the River Fleet women are now being used as ship captains and ship mechanics.

(9) On 20 May in Batumi harbor 89 transport workers were employed, of which 18 were women. An additional 90 transport workers are still required.

(10) The Central Committee of the Armenian SSR has requisitioned 400 convicts for construction work at the metal plant in Chelyabinsk. Because of the lack of cars, the convicts can not yet be transported to Chelyabinsk.

(11) In the local industry in Rostov/Don, draft exemptions have been withdrawn from all workers up to the age of 40.

(12) In Georgia 1625 persons were conscripted (mobilized); of which were assigned:

To the NK for the Textile Industry 498 persons

including:

Tiflis

Carded wool mill	164 persons
Silk mill	142
Cotton wool plant	20
Paper mill	10

Kutais

Silk combine	90
Cloth mill	50

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Silk mill	<u>22</u> persons	
	498	

furthermore to:

Batumi

Shipyard #2		185
Batum (?) Oil Base		43

Poti

Plant 201		147
Timber floating work		752

including:

River work in Georgia	345	
For local industry in Georgia	100	
For other work	<u>297</u>	
	752 total	1625 persons

(13) In Batum 118 persons were mobilized.

(14) The Repair Base in Rostov/Don received 328 men from the Military Commissariat in Stavropol. The demand is not yet covered. Stalingrad is receiving 150 laborers for reconstruction work.

(15) The training of youth in technical work for the industry of the River Fleet is being given the greatest attention as before.

(16) At present there are being trained in the newly opened trade school of the "Zhdanov" Plant in Gorkij

110 boiler-makers
60 locksmiths
30 carpenters and
30 welders

and in the trade schools of the "Karl Marx" Plant

160 boiler-makers
30 ships carpenters and
30 welders

(17) It is also very noteworthy that in Stalingrad 127 skilled workers for the River Fleet have already been trained, including:

in the technical school	46 men
in the Stakhanov-school	17 "

(18) In Gur'ev at present large military-sport exercises are being carried out, to which great military significance is attributed. Military contests have been taking place since 12 May. The result is to be considered as poor, since only 122 of 1000 candidates passed.

(19) Along with every effort to overcome the difficulties and exertions, in extracting the highest performance from each worker, the social care of workers is not overlooked. Above all comfortable community quarters will be provided. The NKRF offices in Uralsk City Rajon are in first place in this regard.

2.) Food Situation

(20) In connection with the increased plan for fish catch, which amounts to 320 tons for the first half -year, Rostov/Don reports a fish catch in excess of 326 tons as of 20 May. In the same period the Georgian Fish Trust in Tiflis had a catch of 2,332 tons, with a half-year plan of 2,150 tons.

(21) In Kujbyshev the fish stock will be sold without a card, since salt for its preservation is lacking.

(22) The field cultivation in the reoccupied oblasti is being eagerly carried on. In Kantemirovka two tank cars are standing ready with petroleum which is destined for the motor and tractor stations in Kazovsk and Belyansk.

(23) On the other hand, Astrakhan NKRF reports that "Volgatanker" has no seed-potatoes. Also the NKRF offices in Krasnoyarsk, Khabarovsk, Ulan Ude and Blagoveshchensk have not fulfilled their seed plans.

(24) The millet grain plan for yield for 1943 for the Georgian SSR was established at 0.6 ton per hectare.

(25) In Georgia and Armenia a great "children's strengthening action" is

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in progress. Erivan requires for transport by air from Moscow in May for the program:

3.28 tons cocoa
6.42 " chocolate
1.66 " potato flour

(26) The Trade Department in Tiflis is to deliver for the program an additional 944 boxes of eggs, which are to be distributed during the months of June, July, and August.

(27) The authorizations, requirements and deliveries, as well as turnovers and balances by the military offices and civilian sectors of necessities and luxuries appear from the following compilation:

1. Authorizations

a) The following quantities and goods have been authorized for military offices:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(28)	Transcaucasian Front	1000 tons 500	Sifted flour Assorted flour	Grain Procure- ment in Tiflis	For June
		250	Groats and rice		
		20	Manna groats		
(29)	Transcaucasian Front	100	Citrus concentrates	Cannery in Kutais	For June
(30)	Transcaucasian Front	50	Citrus concentrates	Cannery in Batumi	For June
(31)	Black Sea Fleet	50	Citrus concentrates	Cannery in Batumi	For June
(32)	Stavropol, Pioneer Camp	0.14	Black tea	Tea Factory in Avchala	Additional to June plan
(33)	North Osetia, Pioneer Camp	0.05	"	"	"
(34)	Georgia, Pioneer Camp	0.91	"	"	"
(35)	Armenia, Pioneer Camp	0.59	"	"	"

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(36) Military Depot #34 NKVD in Navtlug	26 tons	Vegetable oil	CD for Vegetable Fats and Oils, Tiflis	For June
b) The following authorizations are in effect for the civilian sector:				
(37) Georgian Food Industry, Tiflis	100 tons	Assorted flour	Grain Procurement, Tiflis	For June, for bakery goods
(38) Industry Supply and Sales, Tiflis	15	Flour	"	"
(39) Caucasian Grain Procurement, Ordzhonikidze	1500	Wheat	Stavropol	For June
(40) "	1000	Barley	"	Alcohol production
(41) "	1000	"	Krasnodar	For June
(42) "	1000	Maize	"	"
(43) Grain Procurement, Nalchik	800	Wheat	Stavropol	"
(44) "	700	Barley	"	Including 500 tons for alcohol production
(45) "	500	"	Krasnodar	--
(46) Kujbyshev, NKRF	6000	Oats	--	In May
(47) Kostroma, NKRF	1000	"	Kirov, NKRF	"
(48) Gorkij, NKRF	1000	"	"	"
(49) Kineshma, NKRF	1000	"	"	"
(50) Ust Ussa, NKRF	13	Feed grain	Grain Procurement Office, Syktyvar	"
(51) Gorkij, NKRF	50	Salted fish	--	Additional to second quarter allocation
(52) Canning Trust in Ordzhonikidze	30	Fish	Meat and Dairy Sales, Pyatigorsk	In May

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(53) Canning Trust in Ordzhonikidze	2 tons	Fat	Meat and Dairy Sales, Pyatigorsk	In May
(54) Armenian NK for Trade, Erivan	10	Fish products	Fish Supply, Erivan	Special allot- ment for June, July, August
(55) Meat Combine, Leninakan	50	Beans	Grain Procure- ment, Erivan	For canning
2. Requirements				
(56) Council of NK, North Osetia	24	Rice	Baku	For sowing purposes
(57) Grain Procure- ment, Stavropol	8000	Grain	Armenia	--
3. Identified deliveries, turnovers and stocks:				
(58) Camp of the NK for Land Defense	1 car	Powdered eggs	Georgian Meat and Dairy Sales, Tiflis	Delivered in May
(59) "	1	Canned goods	"	"
(60) CD for Vegetable Fats and Oils, Tiflis	130 tons	Cocoa fat	--	Imported
(61) Fermenting Plant "Idzhevansk" in Erivan	500	Tobacco leaves	--	Received in May
(62) Baku	76 units	Wine casks	Gorkij	Delivered 25 April
(63) "	500	"	"	Announced
(64) Akstafa	2 cars	"	"	Shipped 24 April

(65) The canning factory in Kafana shipped 16 tons of canned honey on 4 May.

Balance 600 tons.

(66) The canning factory in Kutais reports on 19 May the amount of produced concentrates at 35 tons and the following balance:

55 tons	rice	12 tons	manna groats
43	millet	188	groats

(67) In the 43 rajons of Erivan 2, 188 tons of flour were consumed in April and 2, 447 tons were distributed in May.

3.) Metal Supply

(68) The delivery of scrap iron is insufficient for the following 10 NKRF offices:

Gorkij	Chkalovsk
Ufa	Molotov
Zvenigovo	Chistopol
Bor	Raznezhe
Gorodets	Borovaya

They are even yet partially in arrears with the delivery plan for the first quarter. The arrears for the second quarter are to be corrected in the course of May and June. The arrears in delivery are in part to be attributed to transport difficulties. As already established in earlier reports, the scrap collection is frequently greater than the delivery. This is particularly the case in places which lie some distance from the railroad.

(69) The Non-ferrous Metallurgy Industry in Ordzhonikidze produced in the first 20 days of May 516 tons of nonferrous scrap; 430 tons of this are captured material. 500 tons were shipped.

(70) The CD for Metal Sales in Tiflis is to deliver 2 tons of roofing tin in the second quarter to the Construction Department of the Economic Division of the NKVD in Tiflis.

(71) The CD for Metal Sales in Erivan is to deliver 5 tons of pickled sheet iron to the motor repair plant in Erivan.

(72) Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis is to receive from Pervouralsk, New Pipe Mill, 257 tons of pipe.

(73) The NKRF Plant "Teplokhod" in Gorkij is to receive 17.75 tons of coal-electrodes and the Copper Combine in Kafan is to receive 15 tons of electrodes. The latter plant is to deliver 5 tons of blocks to the "Molotov" Plant.

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(74) The NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry in Erivan received 3 tons of roofing tin and 2 tons of tin-plate.

(75) The NK for Nonferrous Metallurgy in Tiflis had the following balance as of 1 May:

Copper sheet	6.66 tons
Pipes of non-saleable measurements	5.27
Aluminum hoops	3.1
Sheet aluminum	1.5

4.) Oil Supply

(76) The manifold identification that the Soviet supply difficulties are primarily a transport problem and not a materials problem is confirmed by the following message:

In compliance with a decree of the NK's for Transportation and the Oil Sales in Moscow, 1,000 tons of petroleum are to be shipped daily from Makhachkala to Groznyj. Accordingly, 140 tank-cars must be provided for Armavir for filling. Getting the many empty tank cars on the Voroshilov Railroad to the filling points depends mainly upon the condition of the road.

(77) Erivan, "Armenian State Plan", requires for the third quarter 1943:

750 tons gasoline	10 tons viscosine
2 " aviation gasoline	15 " cylinder oil
600 " petroleum	30 " transformer oil
4,300 " oil	15 " compressor oil
150 " ligroin	10 " turbine oil
4,500 " mazut	10 " spindle oil
100 " machine oil	10 " other oils
60 " avtol	30 " gas oil
15 " solidol	5 " technical baseline
10 " nigrosin	100 " soap naphtha

(78) A refreshing of oils is not being undertaken in the Armenian SSR.

(79) Molotov NKRF received 0.6 ton of gasoline in May from Sverdlovsk.

The requirements and authorizations of oil are as follows:

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Fuel</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>	
(80) Tiflis, Perfume Industry	3 tons	4 tons	Supplementary for May from the CD for Perfume in Moscow
(81) Erivan, "Armenian State Plan"	750	600	For transport for the third quarter
(82) Kutais, Canning Industry	12	5	For June, for truck transport
(83) Saratov, NKRF	0.5	--	For June
		<u>Mazut</u>	
(84) Tiflis, Shoe Industry		7 tons	For July
		<u>Fuel (Mazut?)</u>	
(85) Angara, Georgian Sugar Mill		3000 tons	Monthly from June to November inclusive

Authorizations

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(86) Tiflis, Loco-motive Repair Plant of the NK for Transportation	6 tons	Gasoline	In May
(87) Cannery "Oktember"	11	"	"
(88) Kujbyshev, NKRF	1.3	"	"
(89) Semipalatinsk, Office of the Military Guard	0.2	Gasoline	For May
(90) Tiflis, Loco-motive Repair Plant of the NK for Transportation	6	Petroleum	"
(91) Erivan, CD for Building Materials	1	"	For May, supplementary delivery from Erivan Oil Sales

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(92) Blagoveshchensk, NKRF	0.4 tons	Avtol	--
(93) Kabardino- Balkar ASSR	2.4 0.6	Avtol Machine oil	For second quarter "
Alcohol Industry	0.6 0.6 0.05	Motor oil Cylinder oil Solidol	" " "
(94) Astrakhan, NKRF	3000	Mazut	From Saratov for use as ships' fuel
(95) Saratov, NKRF	2000	"	"
(96) Kujbyshev, NKRF	628	"	"
(97) Kineshma	150	Diesel fuel	For May

5.) Coal Supply

(98) The transport conditions are beginning to become aggravated in their effect on production. As long as reserves could still be found, industry could partially compensate for insufficient deliveries. As has been reported earlier, the coal mines in Tkvibuli and Tkvorcheli can compensate for the shortage in deliveries of explosives by falling back on reserves. Since these were consumed in Tkvibuli, coal shipments in May declined further there. According to plan 9,774 tons were to be shipped in the first ten-day period of May. Actually, 4,425 tons = 43% were shipped. 4,869 tons = 49% were delivered.

(99) According to a decree of the Committee for Defense, Tkvibuli is to deliver 13,700 tons to the following places in Tiflis in May:

NK for Construction Materials	4000 tons
NK for Rubber Industry	5400 "
NK for Transportation	800 "
NK for Ferrous Metallurgy	2000 "
NK for Nonferrous Metallurgy	500 "
NK for Aviation Industry	1000 "

This includes 9000 tons of Mark "GK" and Mark "GO" to be delivered.

However, production reached only 2000 tons in May.

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(100) The explosives shipped from "Plant 98" for Tkvibuli had not arrived as of 22 May, since the railroad cars on the Orenburg line have come to a halt. The Armed Forces are to make 10 trucks available to its own establishments. Because of these circumstances, explosives have been lacking since 11 April. The transport of mine timber was also insufficient because of transportation difficulties. Accordingly, the fulfillment of the May plan does not seem possible.

(101) The chemical plant in Kirovakan received in April from the Transcaucasus CD for Coal Supply instead of 1,400 tons only 674 tons of coal - 48% of the plan. Occasionally the industrial plants can prevent a coal shortage by falling back on "iron reserves." The chemical plant in Kirovakan requests permission to resort to it. On the other hand, the Shoe Factory "Beriya" in Batum is to receive 100 tons of Tkvibuli coal from the May allocation as "iron reserve." It is questionable, however, if an immediate reserve fund can be built up.

(102) The Manganese Trust in Chiaturi requires 400 tons of Tkvibuli coal for the third quarter.

(103) The Armenian Power Supply requires for the heating of service and living-quarters for the heating period 1,000 tons of Tkvibuli coal, including the delivery of 500 tons each in June and July.

(104) The Georgian Canning Trust in Erivan received for May a coal stock of 1,200 tons.

The following authorizations were noted for individual steamship lines:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(105) Ufa-NKRF	1,100 tons	Kuznetsk	In May
(106) Ufa, Belaya Steamship Agency	2,600	Novosibirsk, CD for Coal Supply	"

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(107) Levshino, Kama Steam- ship Agency	2,600 tons	Novosibirsk, CD for Coal Supply	In May
(108) Kambarka, Kama Steamship Agency	1,300	"	"
(109) Volga Canal Steamship Agency	1,300	"	"
(110) Rybinsk, Upper Volga Canal Steamship Agency	1,300	"	"
(111) Gorkij, Upper Volga Canal Steamship Agency	1,300	"	"
(112) Murom, Moscow-1, Oka Steamship Agency	1,300	"	"
(113) Kujbyshev, Middle Volga Steamship Agency	1,300	"	"
(114) Balkhash-Ilijsk Steamship Agency	300	"	"
(115) Cherepovets, Sheksna Steam- ship Agency	1,300	"	"
(116) Pavlodar, Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency	3,600	"	"
(117) Semipalatinsk, Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency	3,600	"	"
(118) Tyumen, Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	1,800	"	"
(119) Kulomzino, Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	13,900	"	"

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(120) Cheremoshki, West Siberian Steamship Agency	600 tons	Novosibirsk, CD for Coal Supply	In May
(121) Novosibirsk, West Siberian Steamship Agency	5,400	"	"
(121a) Barnaul, West Siberian Steam- ship Agency	3,500	"	"
(122) Erivan, Carbide Plant	249	Coke Chemical Plant in Kemerovo	Coke

(123) The "Ferro-Plant" in Zestafoni received on 14 May 48 tons of Tkvibuli coal and 870 tons of Tkvarcheli coal. It had from 22-23 May the following turn-over:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
Coke	140 tons	198 tons	3,346 tons
Oil coke	--	--	193
Tkvibuli coal	?	?	754
Anthracite	--	9	54

(124) There was the following turnover in canneries from 11 to 20 May:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
Kutaisi	350 tons	106 tons	320 tons
Gori	--	5	477

(125) The Georgian Sovkhoz Plant in Tiflis used 77 tons of coal from 1 to 15 May. The inventory on the fixed date amounted to 367.76 tons.

6.) Timber Supply

(126) As was reported under "Coal Supply", the Transcaucasian mines were short of timber. This deficiency now seems to be partly overcome. Tiflis, Pit Props, delivered 33 carloads of pit props to Tkvarcheli Coal in the first two ten-day periods of May. In addition, Tkvarcheli Coal procured 200 cubic meters itself. Tkvibuli Coal received 27 carloads from Tiflis; in addition 1,000 cubic meters were transported by truck from the mining district.

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(127) There exists a still greater need of pit props in Chiaturi (some 200 carloads).

(128) The NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry in Erivan has a timber requirement of 1,800 cubic meters for the third quarter, of which 900 cubic meters are earmarked for the Glue Factory in Erivan.

(129) Ural'sk, NKRF, requires 2,000 cubic meters of firewood.

<u>Authorizations</u>					
	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(130)	Tiflis, "Generator"	4 carloads	Squared timber	Sverdlovsk	--
		3 "	Veneer		
(131)	Ordzhonikidze Power	50 "	Timber	--	--
(132)	Moscow, 1st Motor Vehicle Repair Plant	1 "	Sawn Timber	Tiflis	In June
(133)	Gor'kij, NKRF	100 cbm	"	Gor'kij, Timber Supply	--
(134)	Raznezh'e, Plant "Molotov"	300 cbm	Logs	--	--
(135)	Kostroma, Shipyards "Komsomol'- skaya Pravda"	700 cbm	"	Raznezh'e	--
(136)	Cherdyn, Plant "Butyakov"	400 cbm	"	--	--

(137) According to plan, the Armenian NK for the Timber Industry in Erivan must ship 70 carloads of firewood in May.

(138) According to plan, Arkul, NKRF, must transport 60,000 cubic meters of timber to Timber Distribution Points in the 2nd quarter.

(139) From the beginning of the shipping period to 18 May, Kujbyshev, NKRF, has distributed 15,350 cubic meters of timber to ships. Its timber supply amounted to 28,125 cubic meters on 22 May.

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(140) All in all, there seems to have been no essential change in the timber supply since the last report.

7.) Chemical Supply

(141) There is nothing essentially new to report with regard to the chemical supply.

(142) Long shipping times, which are abundantly confirmed, are striking; thus a shipment of ammonia to Sukhumi, which was sent on 8 April, had not yet arrived on 23 May. Difficulties in supply must likewise result from this.

(143) The Georgian Wool Trust in Tiflis urgently needs 20 tons of naphthaline.

(144) The Georgian Shoe Industry needs 3 tons of casein-dried adhesive in the second quarter.

(145) Significant are the numerous warehouses of the NK for the Defense of the Land, in which chemicals and other raw materials are stored. In urgent cases plants have received raw materials from these points--as has been established in the previous report.

Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(146)	Kineshma, Plant 756	400 tons	Hydrochloric acid	Gor'kij	In May
(147)	Military Warehouse 404	40 "	Carbide	Chemical Plant	--
(148)	Uzbek Sugar Beet Trust, Pishpek Station	20 "	"	Kirovakan	--
(149)	Kirgiz Sugar Beet Trust, Pishpek Station	20 "	"	"	--

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(150)	NK for Construction	200 tons	Carbide	Kirovakan	--
(151)	Saratov	200 "	"	"	In May
(152)	Tiflis, Wadding Factory	12 "	Caustic soda	Erivan, "Sovpren"	--
(153)	Omsk, NKRF	16 1/4 "	"	Vladivostok	--
(154)	Zestafoni, Foundry "Ferro"	150 tons 300 "	Solid Tar Liquid Tar	Baku, Oil Sales	In 2nd quarter
(155)	Beriya, Hospital Train Ware- house	0.5 " 1.2 "	Solid house- hold soap Liquid household soap	Erivan, Vegetable Oils Sales	--
(156)	Tiflis, Georgian CD for Light Industry Supply	5 "	Technical fats	Tiflis, Meat and Dairy Sales	In 2nd quarter
(157)	For the Southern Front	11,000 liters	Raw alcohol	Pyatigorsk Rajon Distillery in Mariinsk	--
<u>Deliveries</u>					
(158)	Baku, Oil Industry	20 tons 60 "	Carbide "	Erivan "	In April In Feb. and March
(159)	Groznyj	60 "	"	"	"
(160)	Batumi	500 "	Caustic soda	Erivan, Plant for Caustic soda	In May
(161)	Navtlug	45 "	Dichlorethane	--	"
(162)	Sukhumi, Warehouse No. 228 of the NK for Defense of the Land	16 balloons	Ammonia	--	Sent on 8 April
(163)	Warehouse No. 183 of the NK for Defense of the Land	80 tons	Soap	Batumi, Iran- Soviet Transit	--

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(164)	Baku, Supply Point for Technical Oil	20 tons	Rubber	Erivan, "Sovpren"	In May
(164a)	--	20 "	"	"	" "

8.) Production

(165) The new disciplinary order is, as appears from numerous messages, the subject of a wave of propaganda in all NKRF offices. All the employees of the River Fleet are to be thoroughly instructed in the meaning and purpose of this disciplinary order. The provision of a bonus for good work performance is placed in the foreground in order to attain thereby simultaneously a qualitative improvement of work. Under all circumstances a rise in performance is to be striven for. The leading personnel must take the most rigorous care that the new disciplinary order is carried out at all points.

(166) Just as the travelling personnel of the River Fleet receive special bonuses for fulfilling and exceeding the monthly plans, now such bonuses will also be paid for armaments orders.

(167) For fulfillment of the monthly plans, leading personnel will receive a bonus of half a month's salary. Heads of departments and their deputies will receive 35% of a month's salary, and foremen and engineers will receive 25%. If the monthly plans for armaments orders and ship repairs are exceeded, a bonus of 3% of the monthly income will be paid for percent by which the plan is exceeded.

(168) Although some of the NKRF enterprises could not do justice to the requirements which were set, the scope of the task is being broadened. Now according to a governmental decree repair work on military units of the Volga Flotilla are also to be carried out and spare parts for tractors and

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agricultural machines are to be produced.

(169) It is hoped to be able to guarantee the fulfillment of these tasks by a broadened bonus system and a universal 24-hour work day.

(170) Despite all conceivable efforts to raise and improve production, the difficulties can not yet be overcome at this time.

(171) Thus deliveries and loadings of the NKRF plant "Molotov" in Gor'kij are very unsatisfactory.

(172) At the NKRF in Kujbyshev and at other offices the planned production has not been attained by a wide margin. As of 1 May only 37% of the planned towboats have been built at an NKRF plant in Kujbyshev, and only 57% at the plant "Kujbyshev." In Kriushi only 55% has been attained, in Alekseevka 31%, in Zolotovskij 60%, in Ulyanovsk 27%, and in Saratov only 18%. The newly-begun organization "Restoration and Reconstruction Directorate" at "Volga Tanker" in Astrakhan has turned in an even worse performance: by 20 May it could fulfill only 3% of its yearly program. The cause of this failure is to be traced to a lack of material on one hand, and to the lack of suitable labor on the other. Only 10% of the necessary labor was available. The situation in construction is considered actually catastrophic. The fulfillment of the whole construction program will be doubtful if the lack of transport and material cannot be overcome. However, there are still no signs of the conquest of these difficulties.

(173) Also the NKRF offices in Kalach, Molotov, and Ulan-Ude report that they are behind in their orders from a lack of personnel and material. The fulfillment of the monthly plan at the shipyard in Surazhevka is very dubious.

(174) Even if the conditions for a higher output are provided, there is still a lack of raw material, as for example in the brandy distillery in Ordzhonikidze. Since 26 April this distillery has been capable of a daily production of

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10,000 liters, but only since 13 May has enough alcohol been delivered for a daily production of 2,000 liters.

(175) The efforts to include the newly conquered oblasti in the production process seem to be having more success. Thus the locomotive plant in Voroshilovgrad, rebuilt only a short while ago, was able to ship 90 tons of section iron and 340 tons of pig iron to a plant in Kolomna on 17 May.

(176) In addition, Voroshilovgrad can report the completion of repair work on the Donets Waterworks "Melikhovsk". The Donets Waterworks has been able to deliver up to 100 cubic meters of water per hour to the mines since 21 May. Also the waterworks in Novoshakhtinsk has completed the most urgent repair work and can provide the city with up to 100 cubic meters per hour; as a result of this, since 22 May the mines are also being supplied with water.

(177) In Rostov/Don

coal handling,
mortar production,
the Tank Industry,
the Food Industry, and
the Iron Industry

are to be put in operation again, as appears from a personnel requisition for 5,000 men.

(178) Besides the utmost efforts imaginable to raise production and to incorporate the reconstructed oblasti into the process, just as great efforts are being made in the rear oblasti to carry out new construction projects, as appears from a message from Tiflis. The Rajon Military Construction Office is to receive an additional 1,000 tons of cement in May from the Chief Directorate for Building Material Sales in Tiflis.

(179) Although a great number of enterprises fail, on the other hand some attain good outputs again, as for example the chemical factory in Tiflis, which fulfilled the April plan with the shipment of 563 tons of caustic soda. In May, however, this factory ran into difficulties through the lack of electrodes,

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so that in the first 19 days only 150 tons of caustic soda could be delivered to Baku. On 20 May the work was again picked up in full.

(180) The NKRF plant in Saratov received a bonus of 30,000 rubles for performances in competition.

The following production orders could be noted:

	<u>Office</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(181)	Gor'kij NKRF Plant "25 October"	100 150	Structural Sections, 40 tons each Structural Sections, 120 tons each	The order was not completed on time. Last date 1 June
(182)	NKRF Plant "Teplokhod"	200	Structural Sections, 3 tons each	Especially urgent order
(183)	NKRF Plant "Molotov"	70	Structural Sections, 20 tons each	Delivery date 1 June
(184)	Chkalovsk NKRF	100	Structural Sections, 20 tons each	Delivery date 1 June
(185)	Novosibirsk NKRF	4 2	100-ton Towboats 50-ton "	To be delivered in May and June
(186)	Raznezh'e Shipyard	10	? Towboats	Delivery date by 1 June as 2nd contingent

(187) The high weight of the individual structural sections is striking.

(188) The following report on the number of employees provides an approximate reference point on the size of the mine "Tkhibuli Coal":

day laborers below ground	1,800 persons
" " above "	1,600 "
employees	600 "
pensioned Red Army personnel	300 "
Total	4,300 persons

(189) The following plants could be newly noted:

Plant 96
Plant 570 in Baku, produces dinamon (explosive?)

9.) Transport Situation

(190) The railroad transport situation is, as before, very strained. The

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requisitions for freight cars considerably exceed the capacity of some railroads.

(191) This is especially noticeable in the metal industry, which is continually complaining about unfulfilled freight car deliveries. It even appears that some enterprises do not receive any rolling stock at all for weeks and shipment stops completely because of this. Thus, for example, in the port of Baku the turnover of manganese ore and castings has fallen off considerably. 400 freight cars of manganese ore and 60 cars of castings have collected in the railroad yards. The plant "Generator" in Tiflis lacks aircraft parts as a result of transport difficulties. It urgently requires 100 carloads in May.

(192) According to plan, the Tobacco Trust in Erivan was to ship 20 carloads of tobacco in May. Since no cars were available, nothing could be shipped up to 20 May.

(193) Poti, Ore Center, was to receive 60 freight cars on 12 May for shipment of manganese ore. Only 45 cars have been made available and loaded for:

Magnitogorsk	11 cars
Novokuznetsk	34 cars,

Since the beginning of the month 7,764 tons have been shipped.

(194) In the railroad repair shops of the Ordzhonikidze Railroad in Tiflis 25 locomotives and 15 tenders were to be overhauled in the first quarter, and 25 locomotives and 20 tenders in the second quarter. These repairs were not carried out. As a result, the Ordzhonikidze Railroad finds itself in a difficult position.

(195) "Georgian Power" in Tiflis requires 39 freight cars for the following lines in June:

from Kaspi to Rion	1 car for cement
from Poti to Rion	3 cars for sheet iron
from Tiflis to Rion	1 car for turbine parts
from Tiflis to Kvezany	4 cars for misc. freight
from Ochemchiri to Sugdidi	15 cars for misc. freight
from Ochemchiri to Khadaya(?)	15 cars for misc. freight

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(196) The dispatch of traffic at the NKRF offices seems to be proceeding in a relatively frictionless manner, apart from the difficulties which are the result of the general strained personnel situation in all enterprises. There is even a report of a bonus for especially good performances in Chardzhou. There two steamer crews received a bonus of 5,000 rubles each for good transport performances which exceeded the April plan.

(197) It is especially worthy of mention that Stalingrad NKRF has guaranteed the acceptance of 10,000 tons of imported goods and 5,000 of cotton from the Caspian Sea and the forwarding of this freight up the Volga, and in addition has carried out the transport of 5,000 tons of freight to the Caspian Sea for forwarding to Iranian ports.

(198) During the 1943 shipping period Yakutsk NKRF, among other things, must carry out the transport of 10,000 horses.

(199) In May Astrakhan, "Volga Tanker", must ship 1,065,000 tons of freight and unload 940,000 tons of freight. In the same month Omsk, NKRF, must transport 4,000 tons of millet.

(200) Considerable transportation of hay is being carried out by the Kama Steamship Agency. For this purpose Gor'kij, NKRF, is making 6 towboats with a total tonnage of 14,000 tons available to the Kama Steamship Agency.

10.) Miscellaneous

(201) 150 tons of "Sibsyvorotka" (Siberian serum?) were requisitioned for each of the Veterinary Directorates in Krasnodar, Rostov, and Stavropol. According to this, epidemics would seem to be raging in the oblasti named. The serum is to be sent by plane.