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[redacted] the following numbers of empty freight cars were dispatched abroad in January 1953:

U.S.S.R. (Brest Litovsk)	5,047 boxcars (grain shuttle cars)
	1,973 gondola cars (for ore)
	164 flatcars (of all types)
	405 refrigerator cars (for butter and canned food)
	34 Gs-type cars (for butter) 1
Czechoslovakia	30 refrigerator cars (for meat)
Hungary	15 " (for meat and fruit) 2

2. [redacted], the following numbers of freight cars from foreign countries operated in East Germany in January 1953: 25X1

Poland	1,339 boxcars (for potash) 3
[redacted]	388 gondola cars (for coal) 4

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1. Comment. Gs-type cars are 15-ton, two-axle freight cars capable of a maximum speed of 90 km/h. During the winter season they are used for the transportation of goods normally shipped in refrigerator cars.

2. Comment. As compared with December 1952, the number of empty freight cars dispatched to the U.S.S.R. for the importation of grain and ore increased by 300 and 200 percent respectively, while the number of refrigerator or Gs-type cars increased by 400 percent.

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This increase reflects on the critical food situation in East Germany. The number of empty freight cars dispatched to Hungary and Czechoslovakia remained about constant. 

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3.  Comment. The shortage of freight cars necessitated the employment of foreign equipment for seasonal export shipments such as fertilizer shipments to Poland.  the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, requested the Polish State Railroads that it make available three trains of empty gondola cars daily.

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