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[Redacted] information on the handling of Soviet transit traffic through Poland:

1. For the handling of Soviet trains through Poland, 130 brigades are stationed in Frankfurt/Oder and 25 in Cottbus. Each brigade consists of 11 men, including 6 locomotive personnel, 4 conductors and 1 rolling stock foreman. Three trips are made by each brigade per month, the period of a round trip being six to seven days on the standard route. If the loads of trains exceed prescribed standard measurements, an alternate route which has only a few bridges must be used. ¹
2. Normally, the line from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk via Neu Bentschen, Posen, Kutno, Siedlce, Lukow, and Terespol is used. An alternate route branches off at Siedlce and leads to the Brest Litovsk airport via Czeremcha. ² Coal bins, which are being constructed at Mysokolitsvsk indicate that it is planned to eliminate the Brest Litovsk-Airport railroad station and have trains terminate at Mysokolitsvsk. ³
3. Trains operating between Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk [Redacted] are escorted by five Soviets. ⁴
4. Tank car trains usually consist of 110 axles. They are mostly loaded when proceeding toward Brest Litovsk. Wismut shipments, the load of which is referred to as medicinal earths by the Soviet escort personnel, consist of 100 axles and are escorted by 10 Soviets. The latter trains are provided with telephone connections extending from the first to the last car. ⁴
5. The last three trains from Brest Litovsk to Frankfurt/Oder [Redacted] carried grain, 35 armored scout cars and a mixed cargo of grain, iron and anthracite respectively. The armored scout cars were covered with canvas. One Soviet soldier said that they were new equipment. The cars were half-track vehicles, the front wheels having rubber tires. Most of the trains proceeding from Brest Litovsk to East Germany carry iron ingots for the Foundry Combine East in Fuerstenberg and anthracite. ⁴

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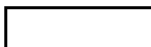
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6. On the whole the physical status of the transit line was good. However, sections constructed by the Poles suffered from inadequate levelling work. All the bridges on the line were guarded by double sentries. Trips were usually made according to schedule. No partisan activities were noticed.

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1. Comment. Locomotive Columns Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 8, each of them equipped with 30 locomotives, are stationed in Frankfurt/Oder and locomotive column No 10 with 25 locomotives in Cottbus. For personnel assigned to locomotive columns and Soviet train escort personnel

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trains whose loads exceed standard measurements must use the route from Frankfurt/Oder via Posen, Kutno, Plock, Brodnica, Dzialdowo, Ostroleka, Siedlce to Terespol.

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2. [Redacted]

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3. Comment: probably means Wysokie Litewskie, not Vysokoe.

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4. Comment. The information on the Wismut shipments refers to uranium ore shipments, which for reasons of concealment are referred to as medicinal earths or Masses in shipping papers.

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