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- At the end of 1952, arrears of coal transports to the USSR amounted to four million tons and, according to those competent to judge, cannot be appreciably reduced without repercussions on other transports.
- This state of affairs has contributed to dissatisfaction with the functioning of the PKPG (State Economic Planning Commission) and, in particular, with the transport planning section, and with the alleged failure of all stages of planning coal transports for the USSR. A purge is expected among the personnel of the PKPG.
- [redacted] on the other hand, [redacted] in early 1953 Poland was sending to the USSR much more coal than at any time in the past. It is not known how many millions of tons of coal have been sent to the USSR in the past. However, it is estimated that at least three times the amount formerly sent is now being exported. 25X1
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- Trains carrying coal to the USSR are not only going along the main southern railroad line but also through Brest, Grodno, and Olsztyn (Allenstein) to Kaliningrad. Weekly coal shipments are also made from Gdynia by four to six Soviet ships, each ship weighing between 6,000 and 8,000 BRT. Earlier, there had been about two ships arriving weekly in Gdynia for coal.
- Aside from the coal shipments to the USSR, numerous German freight trains have been observed in central and southern Poland carrying coal to East Germany. On the other hand, very little coal has been shipped to Scandinavia in the past months.
- Numerous freight trains carrying coal can be seen by anyone throughout Poland. However, there is an extreme shortage of coal in Poland; even the ports lack coal.

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