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the following rail shipments crossed the border, in the directions indicated, from 28 April through 9 May 1953:

B - boxcar F - flatcar G - gondola car R - refrigerator car

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T - tank car

Date in Number and Load From To [Redacted]

a. Westbound.

28 54 B grain Brest Litovsk Frankfurt/Oder shuttle-train 1

29 1 R butter " Plauen 2 25X1

1 T cotton seed " Riesa oil

23 B wool " " Dresden

22 B military goods " Erfurt 3

3 B rye " Cottbus shuttle-train 1 25X1

10 B oats " Fuerstenberg shuttle-train 1 25X1

22 G ore " Ziltendorf 4

7 R canned meat Poland Leipzig Cottbus, Dresden

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| 29 | 23 G | ore | Brest Litovsk | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 6 B | barley | " | Halle | | shuttle-train [Redacted] 1 25X1 |
| | 4 B | rye | " | " | | shuttle-train [Redacted] 25X1 |
| | 20 B | wheat | | | | |
| | 8 T | empty | " | Leipzig | 5 | |
| 30 | 6 G | manganese ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 33 G | ore | | | | |
| | 9 B | cotton | " | Riesa | | |
| | 3 B | " | " | Dresden | | |
| | 1 T | seed oil | " | Gotha | | |
| | 1 B | flax | " | Torgau | | |
| | 3 F | structural iron | " | Wiederitzsch | | |
| | 2 F | sheet metal | " | | | |
| May | 1 | 25 G | ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 |
| | 2 | 3 B | cotton | " | Dresden | |
| | | 28 B | " | " | Riesa | |
| | | 2 T | seed oil | | | |
| | | 1 T | " | " | Gotha | |
| | | 1 B | motor vehicle spare parts | " | Chemnitz | |
| | | 11 F | military goods | " | Wuensdorf | [Redacted] 25X1 |
| | | 2 B | " | " | Muellrose | |
| | | 3 B, 15 B | " | " | " | |
| | | 25 G | manganese ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 |
| | | 11 G | ore | | | |
| | | 13 B | cotton | " | Riesa | |
| | | 5 B | " | " | Dresden | |
| | | 3 B | hemp | " | Torgau | |

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| 2 | 1 B | flax fibres | | | |
| | 2 T | benzol | Brest Litovsk | Merseburg | |
| | 2 B | champagne | " | Leipzig | |
| | 6 R | butter | " | Chemnitz 2 Zwickau | |
| | 4 F | combines | " | Wandsleben, Gotha, Weida | |
| | 11 F, 11 G | ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 |
| | 3 B | barley | " | Bockow | |
| | 1 B | oats | | | |
| | 1 B | " | " | Cottbus | |
| | 1 F | structural iron | " | Zittau | |
| | 1 G | chrome iron | " | Bitterfeld | |
| | 2 F | structural iron | " | Leipzig | |
| | 1 F | tubes | | | |
| | 7 F | structural iron | " | Wiederitzsch | |
| | 4 F | sheet metal | " | Riesa | |
| | 2 G | wire cables | " | Chemnitz | 25X1 |
| | 2 F | rod iron | " | | |
| | 2 B | military goods | " | Leipzig-Lindenau | [redacted] |
| | 1 B | " | " | Muellrose | |
| | 1 B | " | " | Satzkorn | |
| 3 | 31 G | ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 |
| | 2 B | wheat | " | Wurzen | shuttle-train [redacted] 1 |
| | 16 B | barley | | | |
| | 12 B | oats | | | 25X1 |
| | 4 B | rye | | | |

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| 3 | 4 B | barley | Brest Litovsk | Mittenwalde Friedersdorf Teuplitz | shuttle-train 25X1 |
| | 14 B | wool | " | Leipzig Riesa Dresden | |
| | 15 T | empty | " | Boshlen | 5 |
| | 2 T | benzol | " | Merseburg | |
| | 2 R | butter | " | Chemnitz | 2 |
| | 2 R | wine | " | Leipzig | 2 |
| | 16 B | rye | " | Halle | shuttle-train 125X1 |
| | 17 T | empty | " | Merseburg | 5 |
| | 7 T | " | " | Delitzsch | 5 |
| | 23 G | ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 |
| | 8 B | military goods | " | Jessen | 25X1 |
| | 2 F | 4 new trucks | " | Strausberg | 6 |
| | 1 F | 1 aircraft crate | | | |
| | 2 F | 4 new trucks | " | Herzfelde | |
| | 3 B | ammunition | " | Fuerstenwalde | 7 |
| | 6 F | ammunition and bomb boxes | " | Ellerholz | 8 |
| | 2 B | shellac | " | Leipzig | |
| | 2 B | medical herbs | Poland | Dresden | |
| | 3 G | pig iron | Brest Litovsk | Krossen | |
| | 3 B | structural iron | " | Wiederitzsch | |
| | 4 F | sheet metal | " | | |
| | 1 B | empty drums | " | Merseburg | |
| | 2 G | motor vehicle spare parts | " | Heidenau | |

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| 3 | 1 B | bronze | Brest Litovsk | Rackwitz | |
| | 1 R | canned meat | " | Heidenau | 2 |
| | 1 B | tobacco | " | Teltow | |
| | 2 F | sheet metal | " | Chemnitz | |
| | 8 B | wheat | " | Muellrose | shuttle-train [redacted] 25X1 |
| | 12 B | oats | " | Cottbus | shuttle-train [redacted] 25X1 |
| | 3 B | seed potatoes | Poland | Halle | |
| | 39 G | ore | Brest Litovsk | Ziltendorf | 4 |
| | 2 G | manganese ore | | | |
| 4 | 6 B | wool | " | Riesa | |
| | 2 B | graphite | " | Reichenbach | |
| | 3 F | tubes | " | Leipzig | |
| | 4 F | structural iron | " | Wiederitzsch | |
| | 2 F | sheet metal | | | |
| | 13 F | sheet metal | " | Riesa | |
| | 4 F | tubes | " | Chemnitz | |
| | 8 B | rye | " | Erfurt | shuttle-train [redacted] 25X1 |
| | 15 B | cotton | " | Riesa | |
| | 2 B | flax | " | Torgau | |
| | 1 B | bronze | " | Rackwitz | |
| | 2 B | motor vehicle spare parts | " | Heidenau | |
| | 15 G | ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 |
| | 1 R | canned meat | Poland | Leipzig | |
| | 30 B | barley | Brest Litovsk | Erfurt | shuttle-train [redacted] 25X1 |
| | 12 B | rye | | | |

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| 4 | 12 B | oats | Brest Litovsk | Fuerstenberg/Oder | 1 |
| | 2 B | oil cake | " | Cottbus | |
| | 4 B | wool | " | Riesa, Leipzig | |
| | 1 B | bronze | " | Rackwitz | |
| | 2 B | empty drums | " | Merseburg | |
| | 5 B, 3 G | anthracite | " | Berlin-Lichtenberg | |
| | 22 G | ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 |
| | 2 F | sheet metal | " | Leipzig | |
| | 2 F | tubes | | | |
| | 2 F | sheet metal | " | Wiederitzsch | |
| | 2 F | structural iron | | | |
| | 2 F | " | " | Chemnitz | |
| 5 | 13 B | wool | " | Riesa | |
| | 10 B | pig guts | " | Dresden | |
| | 1 F | rod iron | " | Wiederitzsch | |
| | 7 F | semi-finished wheel disks | " | Unterwellenborn | |
| | 3 B | oil cake | " | Cottbus | |
| | 2 B | medical apparatus | " | Dresden | |
| | 3 B | barley | " | Erfurt | shuttle-train [redacted] 1 25X1 |
| | 1 B | carbon black China | | Heiligenstadt | |
| | 1 T | benzol | Brest Litovsk | Merseburg | |
| | 4 B | wool | " | Leipzig | |
| | 12 B | cotton | " | Riesa | |

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| 5 | 5 B | military goods | Brest Litovsk | Satzkorn | [redacted] | 25X1 |
| | 7 B | " " | " " | Mockrehna | [redacted] | 7 |
| | 6 G | semi-finished wheel disks " | | Unterwellenborn | | |
| | 1 F | structural iron " | | Wiederitsch | | |
| | 1 F | sheet metal " | | | | |
| | 2 F | sheet metal " | | Riesa | | |
| | 2 F | structural iron " | | Zittau | | |
| | 32 B | barley " | | Frankfurt/Oder | 1 shuttle-train | [redacted] 25X1 |
| | 23 B | oats " | | Cottbus area | 1 | |
| | 41 G | ore " | | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 12 G | pig iron " | | Dresden, Krossen Riesa, Groeditz | | |
| | 1 B | oats " | | Cottbus | 1 | |
| | 20 B | military goods " | | Erfurt | | |
| | 20 B | " " | | Fuerstenberg | | |
| | 5 B | " " | | Satzkorn | [redacted] | 25X1 |
| | 2 B | " " | | Jessen | [redacted] | |
| | 2 B | hemp " | | Torgau | | |
| | 9 B | wool " | | Riesa, Dresden, Leipzig | | |
| | 1 B | canned meat " | | Schlauroth | | |
| | 11 B | oats " | | Cottbus | shuttle-train | [redacted] 25X1 |
| 6 | 3 G | pig iron " | | Riesa | | |
| | 9 G | " " | | Freital, Groeditz Krossen | | |

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| 6 | 4 G | manganese ore | Brest Litovsk | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 11 G | ore | | | | |
| | 2 F | structural iron | " | Wiederitzsch | | |
| | 4 B | oats | " | Fuerstenberg | | shuttle-train [redacted] 1 25X1 |
| | 3 B | barley | | | | |
| | 8 T | empty | " | Boehlen | 5 | |
| | 26 B | wool | " | Leipzig Dresden, Riesa | | |
| | 3 B | barley | " | Erfurt | 1 | |
| 7 | 5 G | manganese ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 43 G | ore | | | | |
| | 1 B | ferro-tungsten | " | Wiederitzsch | | |
| | 14 B | wool | " | Leipzig, Dresden, Riesa | | |
| | 2 B | rye | " | Sachsdorf | | shuttle-train [redacted] 1 25X1 |
| | 4 B | oil cake | " | Muehlhausen | | |
| | 2 B | empty drums | " | Merseburg | | |
| | 3 B | naphthalene | | | | |
| | 16 T | empty | | | | |
| | 6 F | structural iron | " | Wiederitzsch | 5 | |
| | 3 F | sheet metal | | | | |
| | 3 F | structural iron | " | Unterwellenborn | | |
| 7 | 2 F | sheet metal | " | Erfurt | | |
| | 1 F | wire cables | " | Leimbach | | |
| | 6 F | tubes | " | Leipzig, Halle | | |
| | 5 B | military goods | " | Justerbog | | |

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| 8 | 29 G | ore | Brest Litovsk | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 10 B | oats | " | Cottbus | | shuttle-train 1 25X1 |
| | 2 B | military goods | " | Satzkorn | | [Redacted Box] |
| | 1 B | " | " | Rathmannsdorf | | |
| | 9 B | wool | " | Riesa, Dresden | | |
| | 2 B | " | " | Finsterwalde | | |
| | 6 B | military goods | " | Teltow-SCG (?) | | |
| | 39 G | ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 3 G | manganese ore | | | | |
| | 36 G | ore | " | " | 4 | |
| | 1 G | manganese ore | | | | |

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| Date in April | Number and Type of Cars | Load | From | To | |
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| 29 | 56 G | empty | Schoensweide | Brest Litovsk | [Redacted Box] |
| May 1 | 56 B | empty grain shuttle train | Rummelsburg | " | shuttle-train 1 25X1 |
| 2 | 60 G | empty | " | " | [Redacted Box] |
| | 56 B | empty grain shuttle train | Frankfurt/Oder | " | |
| | undetermined | undetermined | " | " | |
| 3 | 41 B | potash | Bleicheroda | Tuchola-Wies | [Redacted Box] |
| | undetermined | undetermined | Frankfurt/Oder | Brest Litovsk | |
| | 56 B | empty grain shuttle train | Aken/Elbe | " | shuttle-train 1 25X1 |
| | undetermined | undetermined | Frankfurt/Oder | " | [Redacted Box] |
| | 58 G | empty | Pasewalk | " | |

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| 8 | 29 G | ore | Brest Litovsk | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 10 B | oats | " | Cottbus | | shuttle-train [redacted] 1 25X1 |
| | 2 B | military goods | " | Satzkorn | | |
| | 1 B | " | " | Rathmannsdorf | | |
| | 9 B | wool | " | Riesa, Dresden | | |
| | 2 B | " | " | Finsterwalde | | |
| | 6 B | military goods | " | Teltow-SCC (?) | | |
| | 39 G | ore | " | Ziltendorf | 4 | |
| | 3 G | manganese ore | | | | |
| | 36 G | ore | " | " | 4 | |
| | 1 G | manganese ore | | | | |

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| Date in April | Number and Type of Cars | Load | From | To | |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 29 | 56 G | empty | Schoeneweide | Brest Litovsk | |
| May 1 | 56 B | empty grain shuttle train | Rummelsburg | " | shuttle-train [redacted] 1 25X1 |
| 2 | 50 G | empty | " | " | |
| | 56 B | empty grain shuttle train | Frankfurt/Oder | " | |
| | undetermined | undetermined | " | " | [redacted] 25X1 |
| 3 | 41 B | potash | Bleicheroda | Tuchola-Wies | |
| | undetermined | undetermined | Frankfurt/Oder | Brest Litovsk | 2 [redacted] |
| | 56 B | empty grain shuttle train | Aken/Elbe | " | shuttle-train [redacted] 1 25X1 |
| | undetermined | undetermined | Frankfurt/Oder | " | [redacted] |
| | 58 G | empty | Pasewalk | " | |

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| 4 | 55 G | empty ore shuttle train | Rummelsburg | Brest Litovsk | |
| | 18 T | special alcohol | Dessau | " | 5 |
| | 23 F | machinery parts | Magdeburg Buckau | " | |
| | 2 B | enamelled kitchen uten- sils | Thale | " | |
| | | undetermined | undetermined | Frankfurt/Oder | " |
| | 8 F | new Soviet- gauge wheel sets | Weimar | " | 9 |
| | 25 R | 4-axle, new | | | |
| 5 | | undetermined | undetermined | Frankfurt/Oder | " [redacted] 25X1 |
| | 56 B | empty grain shuttle train | " | " | 1 |
| 6 | 56 B | " | " | " | |
| 7 | 55 G | empty ore shuttle train | Rummelsburg | " | |
| | 56 B | empty grain shuttle train | Frankfurt/Oder | " | 1 |
| | 56 G | empty | Rummelsburg | " | |
| | | undetermined | undetermined | Frankfurt/Oder | " |
| 8 | 40 B | apatite | Kuestrin border | Czechoslovakia | |
| | 56 G | empty | Rummelsburg | Brest Litovsk | |
| 9 | 42 B, 15 G | apatite | Kuestrin border | " | |

Note: Source could only cover part of the shipments passing through Frankfurt/Oder.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Grain shuttle trains which have number of the 5xx series when dispatched via Frankfurt/Oder. In March 1953, a total of 3,389 carloads of grain entered East Germany. [redacted]

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- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. Refrigerator tattle cars carrying food for civilian consumption. [redacted]
- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. Possibly rations for the large ration supply depot of the Eighth Gds Army in Erfurt-Marbach.
- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. Raw material deliveries to the Foundry Combine East near Fuerstenberg/Oder.
- 25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. Deliveries by East German hydrogenation plants to the USSR and returning empty tank cars.
- 25X1 6. [redacted] Comment. An ordnance park of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army is located in Strausberg. The crate probably contained aircraft parts.
- 25X1 [redacted]
- 25X1 8. [redacted] Comment. Probably bombs for Laerz airfield.
- 25X1 9. [redacted] Comment. Deliveries by the railroad car factory in Weimar to the USSR. The Soviet-gauge wheel sets will be used on the new cars in the USSR.

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