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1. Because of the overall critical supply situation in East Germany, the Ministry for Mining and Smelting recently turned its attention to the anticipated shortage of silica rock (Silica-Normalsteine). The following table shows the present status of silica rock supply planning. All amounts are in metric tons.

	East German Capacity to Produce Silica Rock	Requirements of the Ministry of Mining and Smelting	Requirements of Other Allottees (SAG's, Power Program, Construction Industry, Chemistry, Coal, Light Industry, etc.)
I/53	3,225	4,480	700
II/53	2,845	6,418	1,000
III/53	2,845	6,660	700
IV/53	2,845	5,754	700
Totals	11,860 1/2	23,312	3,100

2. Thus, East German supplies of silica rock in 1953 will probably amount to 11,860 metric tons, whereas actually a total of 26,412 metric tons is required. Imports of silica rock from ~~some Soviet satellites~~ will amount to about 4,525 metric tons in 1953, and an additional 1,374 metric tons from West Germany and 238 tons from Czechoslovakia can be counted on. A total of 19,755 metric tons of silica rock will therefore be available in 1953. Of this amount, however, 758 metric tons from ~~Hungary~~ is so poor qualitatively, that the figure can be reduced to 18,997 metric tons.
3. The needs of the Ministry of Mining and Smelting for the first half of 1953 amount to 11,328 metric tons. Total East German production and imports for that same period amount to only 8,020 metric tons. The

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Ministry has therefore suggested that East Germany attempt to obtain an additional 1,500 metric tons from Czechoslovakia during the first two quarters of 1953. It has further requested that the possibility of obtaining 1,374 metric tons of rock for metallurgical use, as provided for in the economic plan, be exploited to the fullest. If the Ministry is provided with these amounts of silica rock, its plants will be able to operate as planned for 45 to 60 days.

25X1A 1/ Comment. The actual total is 11,760.

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