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TOPIC Rail Freight Traffic across East German Border Stations

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1. The following rail shipments were observed passing through the Muellrose railroad station on the days mentioned:

Date in October	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
18	33 F	repairs goods	Cottbus	Brest Litovsk
25	43 F	"	"	"
26	19 F	"	"	Frankfurt/Oder ¹
	20 F	trucks		
29	5 bitumen cars		Weissar	Brest Litovsk ²
	2 F	wheel sets		
	20 F	repairs goods	Cottbus	Frankfurt/Oder ¹
	35 F	40 trucks		

2. The following rail shipments were observed passing through Frankfurt/Oder:

Date in October	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
24	40 F	new trucks	Brest Litovsk	undetermined ³
26	14 F	14 trucks	"	" ³
27	6 B	military goods	"	Frankfurt/Oder
	2 B	"	"	
November 1	5 B	military goods	"	Frankfurt/Oder

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November

1	46 B	uranium ore	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk	5
	30 RRym	empty	Fuerstenwalde	"	} 6
2	29 RRym	"	Frankfurt/Oder	"	
4	3 F	3 trucks	Brest Litovsk	Dresden Neustadt	} 3
	7 F	7 trucks	"	Altluedersdorf	
	5 F	5 trucks	"	Kummersdorf	
	5 F	5 trucks	"	Finow	
	4 F	4 trucks	"	Strausberg	
	6 B	military goods	"	"	
	8 F	10 IS tanks without turrets	"	various railroad stations	
6	4 B	tank engines	Eberowalde	Frankfurt/Oder	25X1

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3. The following rail shipments were observed passing through Frankfurt/Oder on the days mentioned:

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October

27	12 G	Donets coal	Frankfurt/Oder border	Merseburg	7
	6 RRym	new rails	"	Guben	} 8
27 and 28	6 RRym	new rails	"	"	
	8 F	section iron	"	Lauchhammer	
	92 B	empty	"	Brest Litovsk	
	56 G	"	"	"	25X1
31	52 B and F	Buna rubber machinery	Merseburg Zwickau Magdeburg Sonneberg	"	
		boilers and tubing	Ichtershausen	"	
	55 B and F	military goods	Strausberg	"	
		16 tank trucks	Daligow	"	
		15 trucks with Diesel generators	Radeberg	"	
	56 B	empty grain shuttle train	Frankfurt/Oder	"	
	28 B	cotton	Frankfurt/Oder border	Dresden Chemnitz	
	12 G	Donets coal	Frankfurt/Oder	Merseburg	7

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Date	Number of Cars	Load	From	To	
2	50 B and F	machinery furniture components of excavators	Leipzig Liebenwerda Deesau	Brest Litovsk	[redacted] 25X1
24	F	section iron	Frankfurt/Oder border	Leipzig Halle Wiederitzsch	
55	G	empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk	

4. In early November, the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station was jammed with freight shipments bound for Brest Litovsk. The railroad station refused to accept further shipments for Brest Litovsk.

5. Rail shipments observed at Frankfurt/Oder en route from Brest Litovsk included 30 flatcars loaded with heavy AF guns and 50 boxcars loaded with ammunition. ³

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6. Rail shipments [redacted] included:

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Date	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
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October

Date	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
23	40 B	undetermined	Grosskorbetha	Frankfurt/Oder ¹
24	20 F	50 new trucks	Leipzig	"
	24 B, 16 F	machine parts	Magdeburg	Brest Litovsk
	22 F		Leipzig	Frankfurt/Oder
25	16 F	3 Soviet containers each	Erfurt	"
	20 F	boxes		
	4 F	AA guns		
	5 F	tubing	Riesa	Brest Litovsk ²
	32 R	new	Deesau	"
26	48 F	machine parts	Magdeburg	"
	60 F	20 new trucks boxes and machine parts	Leipzig	Frankfurt/Oder ¹
27	45 B		Grosskorbetha	Brest Litovsk
	58 F	machine parts	Leipzig	"
28	59 F	"	Magdeburg	"
	30 B		Erfurt	Frankfurt/Oder
	43 F	machine parts	Magdeburg	Brest Litovsk

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Date	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
<u>October</u>				
30	34 T	fuel	Boehlen	Brest Litovsk 9
	57	machine parts	Magdeburg	"
31	14 R	new	Coswig	" 2
	60	reparation goods	Dessau	"
	59	50 trucks	Leipzig	" 1
	60	miscellaneous goods	Falkenberg	"

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1	42 F	machine parts	Weimar	Brest Litovsk
	49 B and F	" and boxes	Leipzig	"
2	32 F	machine parts	Magdeburg	"
	48 F	"	Leipzig	"
3	55 F	"	Magdeburg	"

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7. Rail shipments included: 25X1

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1	45	Aue	Brest Litovsk
	54	Flagwitz	"
2	15 F	Brest Litovsk	Dresden Kummersdorf Althuedersdorf Finow
3	16 T	Boehlen	Rhabinka
	43	Frankfurt/Oder	Oраниenburg Perleberg Nello
5	45	Aue	Brest Litovsk
	45	Schwarzenberg	"
6	19	Damgarten	"
	10 B	Jueterbog, Altes Lager	Frankfurt/Oder

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- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. So far it had only been known that Horch trucks were shipped to Rumania via Bad Schandau. [REDACTED] It appears that Horch trucks are now delivered also to the USSR.
- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. New railroad cars delivered to the USSR. The wheel sets sent along will be used on the Soviet railroad system.
- 25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The shipment of trucks, tanks and other heavy equipment from the USSR to East Germany were anticipated. [REDACTED] The truck shipments observed on 4 November, (paragraph 2) and 2 November (paragraph 7) are possibly identical. The shipments which were reportedly dispatched to Frankfurt/Oder were probably forwarded to other places.
- 25X1 4. [REDACTED] Comment. From the [REDACTED] reported it is inferred that these shipments consisted of ration supplies consigned to the ration supply depot at Frankfurt/Oder.
- 25X1 5. [REDACTED] Comment. Uranium ore deliveries to the USSR. It appears that Index Figure 64 was used for these shipments in November. The two shipments observed on 1 November and included in paragraphs 2 and 7 are very probably identical.
- 25X1 6. [REDACTED] Comment. These heavy duty flatcars will probably be used for the shipment of heavy military equipment or railroad tracks from the USSR to East Germany.
- 25X1 7. [REDACTED] Comment. Hard coal deliveries from the USSR continued at a low level.
- 25X1 8. [REDACTED] Comment. According to East German press reports, a total of 50,000 tons of railroad tracks is allegedly to be delivered by the USSR. This quantity would roughly represent 500 km of trackage with rails of heavy profile. This material is urgently required in East Germany. The rail shipments are ~~the first~~ to be delivered by the USSR since the end of the war.
- 25X1 9. [REDACTED] Comment. Deliveries by East German hydrogenation plants to the USSR.
- 25X1 10. [REDACTED] Comment. From the places of destination mentioned, these shipments may have consisted of motorcycles, armored personnel carriers or artillery pieces for the KVP.

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