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COUNTRY	Poland	REPORT	[REDACTED] 25X1
SUBJECT	1. Guns and Tanks Shipment from Brest Litovsk 2. Railroad Bridges over the Oder River near Ratibor (Racibors)	DATE DISSE.	10 May 1954
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25X1 1. [REDACTED] one train loaded with about 40 x 85mm AT guns and five  
25X1 T-34 tanks leave the Brest Litovsk railroad station toward Frankfurt/Oder on  
25X1 15 and 16 January respectively.<sup>1</sup>

25X1 2. [REDACTED] there were two road bridges over the Oder River at  
25X1 Ratibor, i.e. one in the northern and the other in the southern section of the  
25X1 town. The double-track Oderberg-Heydebreck railroad line crosses the Oder River  
25X1 on an old steel bridge which suffered major damages during the war. Although the  
25X1 bridge was repaired after 1945, its load capacity is still impaired and trains  
25X1 must slow down when crossing the bridge. In the spring of 1953, work on a new  
25X1 railroad bridge was started southeast of the latter bridge. In November 1953,  
25X1 four river piers and the abutments were under construction. The bridge will be  
25X1 about 120m long and will carry two tracks. After completion of the new railroad  
25X1 bridge, the old bridge will allegedly be dismantled. There is a double-track  
25X1 railroad line from Oppeln to Oderberg via Ratibor.<sup>2</sup>

1. [REDACTED] Comment. These shipments were observed at the same time. It is believed that the 85-mm AT guns were shipped to Soviet units in Germany.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. Information on the construction of a new railroad bridge over the Oder River near Ratibor is received for the first time. The bridge is on the important double-track Heydebreck-Ratibor-Oderberg railroad line. The previous railroad bridge at Ratibor was built single-track in 1844/45 and double-tracked in 1907. This bridge, an iron structure with six piers, has an over-all length of 99 m.



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