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- 1. On 16 March 1954, [redacted] 20 reserve locomotives parked at Ruednitz. 1 25X1
- 2. [redacted] 17 reserve locomotives at Ducherow. On 24 March, [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] there was no change in the status of the locomotive column parked at Ruednitz. 1 25X1

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Date in March	Coal for Locomotives		Shop Coal (in Briquette Units)
	Hard Coal	Brown Coal	
	(in Tons)		
11	67,500	55,700	26,900
13	65,700	51,300	26,400
15	66,700	53,300	26,200
17	65,400	50,900	26,100 2

During March, only 80,000 tons of hard coal had been delivered by 17 March. Coal requirements not covered by hard coal deliveries were to be met by raw brown coal. However, officials at the East German Ministry of Railroads entertained the hope that brown coal briquettes would also be delivered. Nevertheless, preparations were made to convert locomotives to the firing of hard and raw brown coal mixed at a ratio of 1:1. 3

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- 4. [redacted] a contract for the delivery of a total of 2.5 million tons of hard coal had been concluded with Poland a [redacted] SR. The first contingents of this coal had already arrived. Until further [redacted] this coal was to be delivered chiefly to the railroad administration. [redacted]

5. [redacted]

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- 6. On 12 March, there was a major railroad disaster near Galbe on the Saale River. The line was blocked for more than 24 hours.

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7. [redacted] a major railroad disaster [redacted] Calbe on the Saale River. A total of 30 freight cars are [redacted]

8. [redacted] the locomotive brigades stationed at Frankfurt/Oder, another 10 are scheduled to be deactivated. Some of the personnel assigned to these locomotive brigades had been transferred to other duty stations by 20 February 1954. Most of the personnel transferred had been assigned to locomotive brigades for several years. 5 25X1 [redacted]

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10. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Expressed in brigquette units, coal stocks available for consumption by locomotives on 17 March represented 149,000 tons. [redacted] According to the present daily coal consumption quota of 23,300 tons, these coal stocks represent 6.4 days' requirements as against 6.5 days' requirements available on 16 March. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. These data [redacted] throw significant light on the difficult coal situation in East Germany. A quantity of 2.5 million tons of hard coal would meet railroad coal requirements for about half a year. However, it must be taken into consideration that sizable quantities of this imported hard coal must be made available to the East German industry, shipping and for household consumption.

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4. [redacted] Comment. KVP supply shipments are known to be dispatched to the Berlin-Magerviehhof railroad station.

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5. [redacted] Comment. As early as January 1954, locomotives of operational locomotive columns [redacted] in Frankfurt/Oder were parked as reserve locomotives. Of a total of 375 column locomotives, only 131 locomotives were operational on 30 January. [redacted] The present report indicates that two additional locomotives (locomotive brigades) are to be placed on a reserve status. From this fact it may be concluded that [redacted] do not intend to carry out major transportation operations in the near future.

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6. [redacted] Comment. Konin and Lukow are located on the Brest Litovsk - Frankfurt/Oder line: [redacted]

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7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a total of 1,308 railroad cars were available to the Berlin elevated train system on 1 March 1952. [redacted]

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