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1. On 6 July 1954, the chief of the Main Administration for Locomotives informed the traffic department of the SED Central Committee that the former column locomotives would be assigned to the reserve pool of locomotives controlled by the GDR Ministry of Railroads. In early July, the deputy chief of the Main Administration for Locomotives conducted negotiations with the Polish railroad administration in Warsaw.
2. The former column locomotives are to be parked at the following points:
 - Ruednitz, in the area of RBD Berlin
 - Kerkwitz, in the area of RBD Cottbus
 - Ducherow, in the area of RBD Greifswald
 - Magdeburg-Rotheensee, in the area of RBD Magdeburg
 - Meyenburg and another undetermined place, in the area of RBD Schwerin
 - Eilenburg, in the area of RBD Halle.
3. Orders were given that an SSD official and a uniformed policeman be assigned to all dispatcher offices established with the Ministry of Railroads, RBD headquarters, and railroad subdistrict offices.
4. Since about mid-July 1954, preparations have been made to provide the office space required by the introduction of the dispatcher system. Special security measures were taken for all the offices involved.
5. On 1 May 1954, the dispatcher system was introduced in RBD Erfurt. The dispatcher system is to be introduced in RBD Magdeburg on 1 October 1954. For lack of trained personnel the new system cannot be introduced simultaneously in all RBDs.
6. The so-called "Richtpunktverfahren", designed to improve the efficiency of freight traffic was introduced in all RBDs on 1 July 1954.

Comment. Information on the reorganization of Soviet transit traffic through Poland which went into effect on 1 July 1954 was reported previously.

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Comment. In connection with the reorganization of Soviet transit traffic through Poland, the GDR Railroad Administration offered to lend 80 locomotives to the Polish Railroad Administration. It is believed that the negotiations mentioned were connected with this transaction.

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Comment. Ruednitz which is northeast of Berlin, Kerkwitz which is located southwest of Guben, and Ducherow which is located northwest of Pasewalk, had previously been used for the parking of reserve column locomotives.

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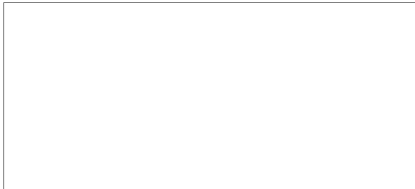
Comment. Information on the introduction of the dispatcher service after the Soviet pattern, was transmitted previously.

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Comment. The so-called "Richtpunktverfahren" concerns the marshaling and dispersal of trains at shunting stations and marshaling yards. It has been designed to simplify these operations. One of the main features of the new system is a basic change in the previous procedure of labeling trains with waybills which fix the route of the cars from the place of departure to destination.

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