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1. [redacted] 25X1

Effective immediately, all flatcars without sideracks and flatcars with folding sidewalls are to be broken down according to transitworthy (for use on international trains) and non-transitworthy equipment in stock-taking reports. This order will remain in force until further notice. The transitworthiness of rolling stock is to be determined by rolling-stock foremen. Transitworthy flatcars must be marked by the symbol "R IV". The next inspection of these cars should not be made before four weeks have expired. No type R or X flatcar which was classified transitworthy can be loaded without special permission by the Railroad Car Distribution Point. Steel works will be notified that R or X type flatcars dispatched to them must be withdrawn. All violations of this order will be prosecuted.

2. On 1 November 1954, the Brandenburg steel works was notified by the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station that effective immediately no railroad cars would be loaded and that railroad cars already on the way to the works must be returned empty to the railroad station without delay. 1 25X1

3. Since 25 October 1954, trains of empty flat cars have been dispatched to the East. Between 25 October and 1 November 1954, seventeen such trains [redacted] were dispatched. In contradistinction to shuttle trains used in connection with the usual fall personnel rotation program, [redacted] 25X1

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4. Since early October, one train loaded with deactivated motor vehicles has been dispatched from the GDR to the USSR per day. [redacted] 25X1

5. Shipments [redacted] handled on 27 October 1954 included: 51 boxcars with ammunition from Brest-Litovsk to Toepchin; 3 20 boxcars with ammunition and 12 crash cars from Frankfurt/Oder to Korea. 4 25X1

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6. Railroad shipments [redacted] dispatched to Brest Litovsk on the days mentioned included:

Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	Number of Tons	Dispatched From
16	17 boxcars	736	Altruppin
21	50 flatcars	740	Neuruppin
	7 boxcars	137	Perleberg
23	40 flatcars	557	Schwerin

7. On 29 October, one troop car and 31 flatcars were dispatched from Sperenberg to Brest-Litovsk. [redacted]

1. Comment. This measure is unusual. The assembly and dispatch to the East of trains of empty flatcars may be connected with commercial transactions or reflect military intentions. The flatcars without sideracks and flatcars with folding sidewalls which have a load capacity of 15 tons each are not suitable for the transportation of commodities usually exported from the USSR to the GDR. From a military point of view, the movement of empty rolling stock to the East may serve the following purposes:

- a. An increased shipping of new motor vehicles from the USSR to the GDR within the framework of the motor vehicle exchange program under way since late July 1954.
- b. A delivery of heavy weapons (for the KVP?):
- c. Shipment of crated aircraft for the 24th Air Army or the KVP (Air).

The delivery of tanks, SP guns, or other heavy loads such as railroad rails is ruled out by the restricted load-carrying capacity of the flatcars concerned.

[redacted] the cars may not be used immediately and [redacted] their utilization may depend on certain developments possibly of a political nature.

[redacted] the trains reported will operate as shuttle trains between the USSR and the GDR. The latter assumption would mean that the trains will make four or five runs within a period of four weeks.

2. Comment. These shipments consisted of deactivated motor vehicles, probably trucks returned to the USSR within the framework of the motor vehicle exchange program. [redacted]

3. Comment. A well known Soviet ammunition depot is located at Toepchin.

4. Comment. [redacted] this shipment was to be dispatched to Korea. Such a statement was made for the first time. The shipment probably originated in the Soviet ammunition depot at the GDR.

5. Comment. [redacted] this shipment may have consisted of equipment or small arms.

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