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1. [redacted] the following rail shipments entered the GDR en route from Brest Litovsk:

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Date	Number and Type of Cars	Dispatched to
January 26	1 troopcar, 14 flatcars 1 troopcar, 8 flatcars	Templin Eberswalde
	1 troopcar, 15 boxcars and 14 crashcars	Mockrehna
19	1 troopcar, 15 boxcars and 14 crashcars	"

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The Soviets ordered that 1,040 empty railroad tank cars suitable for the transportation of gasoline be dispatched to Brest Litovsk in the course of February 1955.3 [redacted]

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2. [redacted] the following rail shipments were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder on 30 January 1955:

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Number and Types of Cars Dispatched to [redacted]

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3 boxcars, 2 gondolar cars, 45 flatcars Seddin

of which:
1 car Velten [redacted]

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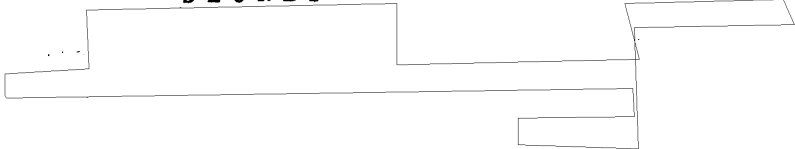
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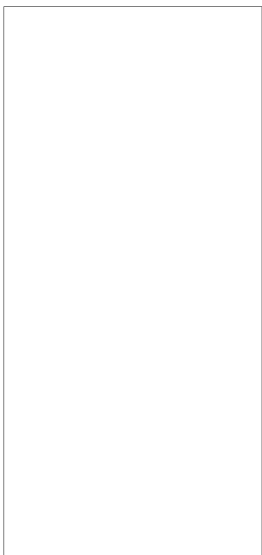
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2 cars	Satzkorn
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of which:	
6 cars	Jueterbog
6 cars	Finow
2 cars	Altengrabow
8 cars	Seddin
1 troopcar, 18 boxcars	Toepchin
14 crash cars	



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Except for 2 boxcars which remained in Toepchin, the latter train was forwarded to Magdeburg-Buckau on 31 January



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3. [redacted] train of 90 axles and loaded with 896 tons was dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Magdeburg-Buckau



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4. Rail shipments observed passing through the Satz Korn railroad station en route from Frankfurt/Oder included:

30 new 3-axle consigned to Dallgow, on 31 January 1955; and 5 new prime movers consigned to Guestrow, on 1 February 1955.

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5. [redacted] a train consisting of 2 boxcars and 21 flatcars was dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Meinsdorf [redacted] on 2 February. The equipment loaded on this train exceeded standard measurements. The train had to be dispatched to Meinsdorf without delay.

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6. At 1850 on 2 February, a train of 20 flatcars each loaded with a canvas-covered tank passed through Muellrose en route from Frankfurt/Oder toward Cottbus.

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1. [redacted] Comment. These trains were loaded with motor vehicles arriving in the Zone within the framework of the motor vehicle replacement program.

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2. [Redacted] Comment. Ammunition shipments from the USSR to Soviet ammunition dumps in the GDR. East-west ammunition shipments have [Redacted] The shipment mentioned in paragraph 3 is believed to be identical with the shipment to Magdeburg-Buckau mentioned in paragraph 2.

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3. [Redacted] Comment. This information on the dispatch of such a large number of empty railroad tankcars to Brest Litovsk requires confirmation. If it is correct, this operation may have the following purposes:

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a. The tankcars will be used for the shipment of major quantities of fuel from the USSR to the GDR. In one run, the cars could carry 15,000 to 20,000 tons of gasoline. The number of tankcars mentioned represents about one third of all tankcars suitable for the shipment of gasoline available in the GDR.

b. The fuel shipped to the GDR will probably not be used for army units because the quantity involved is too large. Moreover additional army fuel requirements could be met by GDR gasoline plants. On the other hand, the 24th Air Army has so far been inadequately supplied with jet fuel by German gasoline plants. A monthly total of 10,000 tons of jet fuel is scheduled to be produced in East Germany. According to unconfirmed information, the production of jet fuel by GDR synthetic gasoline plants is scheduled to be decreased. The fuel shipments from the USSR might, therefore, be used to cover the fuel needs of bomber units planned to be moved to Germany. In this connection it may be stated that two bomber divisions had been stationed in the GDR prior to 1953 while only one bomber division is at present in East Germany. A third possibility is that the new fuel may also be needed by ground attack units after their possible re-equipment with jet aircraft. In any event, fuel shipments which require the use of 1,040 tankcars would be of an unusual nature.

4. The transports directed to Rathenow and Sperenberg may have been motor vehicles shipments; those for Velten and Satzkorn may have carried food or other equipment.

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5. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] on shipment.

6. [Redacted] Comment. ^{mtg} ~~the~~ trains mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 are identical. The fact that the equipment loaded on the flatcars exceeded standard measurements indicates that a new tank type (T-54?) was involved. In early November 1954, 10 such tanks were sent to Meinsdorf, the home station of the 7th Gds Tank Div.

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