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1. The DSU<sup>2</sup> handles 90% of its west-bound exports through the Elbe inland-waterways to Hamburg. When East German cargo arrives in Hamburg, it is handled by the firm Hamburger Transport Kontor. The owner of this firm is W. Ertel. The Berlin representative for DSU export shipments is the firm Schiller and Koch.
2. Cargo shipped by the DSU over the Elbe to Magdeburg-Hamburg for the month of January 1955 was approximately 130,000 tons. The major portion of this tonnage was potassium. [REDACTED]
3. The DSU handles the majority of its imports through Szczecin (Stettin), Poland, and the Oder inland waterway. There are exceptions to this procedure in the case of East German exports to the USSR. Export shipments to the USSR have all been handled through Szczecin in the past. This procedure may vary in the future if the USSR releases its hold on certain port facilities in Szczecin. Rumors in DSU circles indicate that the USSR may turn over the entire upper Szczecin port to the Poles.<sup>1</sup>
4. The Oder is frozen to a depth of two meters and there are no indications that any large traffic shipments can be expected during February 1955. On 3 February 1955 one tug and four barges arrived in Berlin with a cargo of coal from Zehdenick. The DSU doubts that it can keep the route from Zehdenick to Berlin open.

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