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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Rail Border Traffic

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REMARKS

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The following information was obtained UN between 23
and 28 May 1955:

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On 23 May. A shipment of four boxcars with military goods exceeding the scheduled load was to be dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Boehlen near Leipzig. 1

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On 24 May. A shipment of 23 boxcars with military goods exceeding the scheduled load and 8 flatcars was dispatched from Dessau to Brest-Litovsk. The shipment had a weight of 1,000 tons. 1

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On 25 May. A shipment of two cars with military goods exceeding the scheduled load and two crash cars went from Wiederitzsch to Brest-Litovsk.²

On 28 May. A shipment of 16 flatcars with military goods exceeding the scheduled load arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Brest-Litovsk. Two flatcars were dispatched to Wittenberg, 6 flatcars to Satz Korn, and 8 flatcars to Riesa. 3

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1. Comment. The two shipments were probably composed of Soviet-type boxcars which were put on normal-gauge wheels. The large body of such a car possibly led to the assumption that the shipment contained military goods which exceeded the scheduled load. The employment of such cars, however, indicates that the goods were not to be reloaded at the rail change-over point for reasons unknown.

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2. Comment. A similar shipment was previously observed. The transportation of goods exceeding the scheduled load and the crash cars indicate that the shipment possibly contained long-measured parts of a bridge or of cranes which had been delivered by pertinent industries in Leipzig (Bleichert Firm?)

3. Comment. The report indicates that new T-54 tanks arrived from the USSR. The three receiving stations are known as posts of tank divisions of the mechanized armies.

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