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1. *increase with which* locomotive with the number *which* 120, dispatched in force during the week of May 1955, *which* ~~was operating through the Western sectors of Berlin to be the main line~~ *operating through the Western sectors of Berlin to be the main line* Eastern sectors of the city ~~and~~ *operating through the Western sectors of Berlin to be the main line* a locomotive maintenance shop in the Western sectors of Berlin. These locomotives must have a so-called "locomotive pass" ~~to allow the crews~~ *to allow the crews* of the permanent crews of the locomotives ~~to be able to enter~~ *to be able to enter* a permanent crew must consist of only four locomotive engineers and four conductors. 25X1
Recently, train personnel has also been recorded on locomotive ~~pass~~ *pass*. In this way, regular locomotive brigades have been formed. ~~the~~ *the* personnel of these brigades live in West Berlin. ~~the~~ *the* this measure is to exclude railroad personnel living in East Berlin from entering the Western sectors of the city. 1

2. On 21 May 1955, it was learned that 120 railroad tank cars loaded with crude oil had arrived daily in the GDR from Brest-Litovsk since ~~the~~ *the* late February 1955. 2 25X1

3. The GDR is going to import 5,000 tons of grain from Red China. ~~The~~ *The* grain is to be shipped by rail. ~~the~~ *the* cost for the transportation of the grain is three times the price for the commodity itself. 25X1

4. On 20 April 1955, the following employees of the Ministry of Traffic were discharged without notice: 25X1

- Thiede (fnu) main accountant of the GDR Reichsbahn
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6. Since November 1954, the new ~~Goerlitz~~ ^{Zapfen} Goerlitz border station had been fully staffed. In late April 1955, railroad and customs personnel were returned to their home stations. Customs officials stated that load tests made on the railroad bridge had proved that the bridge was not safe. It was, however, expected, that the Goerlitz border station would soon be opened to traffic. 4

7. status 28 April 1955, the following railroad maintenance shops and locomotive service stations were located in RBD Berlin:

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		Locomotives Assigned	Employees	
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	Strausberg	-	8	2
Rummelsburg		40	524	
Erkner		16	127	
Schoeneweide		69	718	
	Koenigswusterhausen	24	165	3
Jueterbog		42	516	
	Teltow	3	23	3
	Rehagen-Klausdorf	-	8	2
	Ludwigsfelde	-	3	-
	Wuensdorf	-	9	-
	Dahme (narrow-gauge)	3	18	2
Grunewald		25	491	
Seddin		58	761	
	Potsdam	-	28	-
Wustermark		41	822	
	Nauen	-	53	-
Pankow		65	620	
Basdorf		25	260	
	Oranienburg	6	56	-
Frankfurt (Passenger Station)		88	864	
	Wriezen	6	57	11
	Fuerstenberg/Oder	1	10	-
	Fuerstenwalde	6	41	6
	Dolgelin	-	3	-
	Muencheberg	2	10	2
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2. [redacted] Comment. According to available information crude oil deliveries from the USSR to East German hydrogenation plants did not begin before April. From 50 to 90 railroad tank cars were observed arriving daily. [redacted] These oil imports probably supplement or replace the previous crude oil shipments from Austria. 25X1
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