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TOPIC Soviet Rail Shipments 50X1-HUM

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1. A freight train, carrying about Sixty 76-mm AT guns, passed through Cottbus (N 52/A 57) on 25 November 1949. The train came from an easterly direction. Its destination could not be ascertained.*

2. The following shipments were observed at the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) railroad station:

a. Train of 26 flatcars, en route from Eberswalde to Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33), on 4 December 1949. Four of the flatcars carried one T34 tank each and one flatcar truck [redacted] Railroadmen said that the remaining 21 flatcars would be loaded with tanks in Fuerstenwalde. The destination of the trains could not be ascertained.

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b. Train carrying about 35 "Stalinorgeln" (rail-type rocket launchers) en route from Fuerstenwalde to Brest on 5 December 1949.

c. Seventeen railroad cars with ammunition, en route from Brest to Aue (N 51/K 53 on 6 December 1949.*

d. Train of 25 flatcars on 6 December 1949. En route to Fuerstenwalde. One flatcar was loaded with a T34 tank; [redacted] the other 24 flatcars were to be loaded with tanks in Fuerstenwalde. The destination of the trains could not be ascertained.

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e. Twenty-five railroad cars with explosives, en route from Brest to Aue on 13 December 1949. *

f. Train carrying about 55 trucks, en route from Brest to Frankfurt/Oder on 16 December 1949.* [redacted]

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3. Thirteen railroad cars loaded with rail-type rocket launchers from TOEPCHIN (N 53/Z 91) were dispatched from the RUMMELSBURG (N 53/Z 94) marshaling yard to the East on 5 December 1949. **

4. The following rail shipments were observed on the dates listed:

a. Train of 15 coaches and 30 boxcars, occupied by Soviet families from Mathenow (N 53/Z 15) and Jueterbog (N 53/Z 69), passing through the railroad station of Zossen (N 53/Z 91) on 28 December 1949,

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enroute to Lusterburg.***

b. Three boxcars loaded with trunks, according to shipping certificate (shipment recording to 12810/109) observed at the Schoeneweide (N 23/E 94) railroad station on 30 December 1949, en route from Neurirch (N 24/E 59) to Ab. swalde, escorted by three soldiers.

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c. One railroad car with coal, observed at the Lustermark (N 53/E 59) railroad station on 8 January 1949

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d. Six boxcars, each carrying 30 to 40 Soviet women and children and much baggage, have been dispatched from Doeberitz to Neustrelitz every second day since late December 1949. Such boxcars are attached in Neustrelitz to trains to be dispatched to the Soviet Union.***

5. A train carrying about 24 guns of 76.2-mm caliber and 4 AT guns of 37-mm caliber was observed at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard on 31 December 1949. The train left toward Berlin.

6. The following trains were observed in the Schwerin (N 54/T 46) railroad district:

a. Train of 11 gondola cars, five of which were loaded with one pontoon each, the remaining cars being empty, passed through Schwerin and proceeded toward Wismar (N 54/T 49) on 4 January 1950.

b. Train of 2 boxcars and 8 flatcars with unidentified load, en route from Wittenberge (N 53/Y 69) to Hagenow-Land (N 54/T 24) on 8 January 1950. Destined for [redacted]

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7. About 100 EM and 10 artillery officers boarded the train for Stendal (N 53/Y 85) in Rathenow on 5 January 1950. (1) The EM, carrying carbines and full pack, were picked up in Stendal by trucks [redacted] which left in the direction of the city.

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a. Shipments:

* Shipments of weapons, trucks and ammunition going from the Soviet Union to the Soviet Zone of Germany (possibly including the shipment of guns and AT guns on 31 December 1949).

** Shipment of weapons to the Soviet Union.

*** Evacuation of Soviet dependents to the Soviet Union [redacted]

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(1) Either personnel going on furlough or officers and EM being transferred or going to be discharged. [redacted]

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