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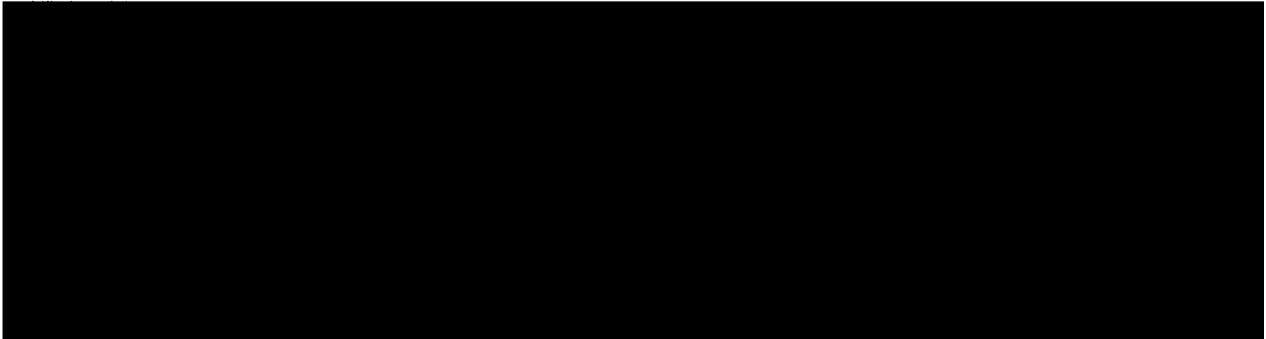
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1. Trains from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk :
  - 21 May : Ten trains. Included were one train loaded with snow ploughs, machine parts and boxes (86 axles); one train of boxcars (96 axles); one train of new refrigerator cars and cars loaded with replacement axles (74 axles); one train loaded with coal (104 axles); one train loaded with narrow-gauge locomotives and cars (82 axles); and one train loaded with railroad car undercarriages and boxes (82 axles).
  - 22 May : Four trains. Included were one train of boxcars (94 axles); one train loaded with boxes and machine parts (82 axles); and one military train (76 axles).
  - 23 May : Nine trains. Included were one train loaded with coal (108 axles); one train loaded with boxes (84 axles); one train loaded with narrow-gauge railroad cars and cranes (76 axles); and one train loaded with boxes (76 axles).
  - 24 May : Thirteen trains. Included were one train loaded with narrow-gauge railroad cars and agricultural machinery (82 axles); one train loaded with boxes and replacement axles (83 axles); one train loaded with four power shovels, boxes and machine parts (82 axles); two trains of boxcars (98 axles and 92 axles); and two trains loaded with coal (106 axles and 110 axles).
  - 26 May : Six trains. Included were one train loaded with boxes and special cars (86 axles); one train of tank cars (92 axles); one train loaded with coal (112 axles); and one train of boxcars (92 axles).
  - 27 May : Seven trains. Included were one train of refrigerator cars and cars loaded with replacement axles (82 axles);

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- one train loaded with boxes and machine parts (86 axles); one train of boxcars (90 axles); and two trains loaded with coal (104 and 96 axles).
- 28 May : Three trains. Included were one train with coal (110 axles); one train of refrigerator cars and cars loaded with boxes (76 axles); and one train loaded with narrow-gauge locomotives and cars (82 axles).
- 29 May : Six trains. Included were one train loaded with boxes and machine parts; one train of boxcars (98 axles); one train loaded with cranes, boxes and machine parts (74 axles); and two trains loaded with coal (98 and 106 axles).
- 30 May : Eleven trains. Included were one train of refrigerator cars and cars loaded with replacement axles and boxes (74 axles); one train loaded with narrow-gauge locomotives and cars (82 axles); two trains loaded with coal (102 and 108 axles); two trains loaded with boxes and agricultural machinery (88 axles); and one train of boxcars (98 axles).
- 31 May : Four trains. Included were one train of boxcars (102 axles); one train of tank cars (92 axles); and one train loaded with coal (98 axles).
- 1 June : Seven trains. Included one train consisting of tank cars (90 axles); one train loaded with machine parts and boxes (86 axles); one train loaded with coal (108 axles); one train loaded with special cars and iron girders (94 axles); one train of tank cars and cars loaded with boxes and pipes (94 axles); and one train of boxcars (92 axles).

- 25X1X 2. [REDACTED] 247 freight trains were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk from 1 to 31 May 1950.
- 25X1X 3. [REDACTED] it was learned that the trains reportedly loaded with boxes carried crated BMW cars. During a switching operation one of the crates broke and [REDACTED]
- 25X1X 4. According to statements by the railroad switching personnel, these indications can be used to determine the load contained in trains with closed boxcars; Trains of boxcars operating without escorts are usually empty. Escorted trains of boxcars usually carry uranium ore from the uranium mining district in Saxony which could be determined from the car labels. This assumption is also supported by the fact that these trains are escorted by Soviet personnel from the station of departure, whereas the other trains loaded with reparation deliveries are escorted by Soviet Zone railroad police as far as Frankfurt/Oder. An axle failure necessitated the unloading of a railroad car in Frankfurt/Oder and it was noticed that the car was loaded with cases 50 x 10 x 10 cm which were packed in boxes 80 x 100 x 80 cm. \*

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\* ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Comment. The information on the number of trains operating between Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk agrees with the standard volume of transit traffic passing through the Frankfurt/Oder border crossing point. The strict security measure on uranium ore shipments, ie. Soviet escorts, in the Soviet Zone of Germany were known.

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