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1. The Dessau Railroad Car Corporation was founded in 1905. In 1946 the plant became Soviet state property by order of the SMA and since then has been an enterprise of the Transnash SAG. The plant covers an area of 18,000 to 20,000 square meters of which about 10,000 square meters are built-up. * The plant was supplied with electric power by its own power station. Normally there was no outside power supply. In case of breakdown of the plant-owned power station, power came from the Dessau (M 52/E 17) Central Power Plant.

2. Monthly output of the plant in 1949 and 1950 was as follows:

Month and year	Special refrigerator cars	25-ton cranes on special underframes	15-ton cranes	de luxe express train coaches
Nov 1949	152			
Feb 1950	138	6	5	
Mar 1950	72	3	4	
Apr 1950	58	4	5	12
July 1950	76	3	11	14
Aug 1950	24	6	13	16
Sep 1950	112	9	6	24
Oct 1950	126	11	4	34

3. The special refrigerator cars are all-metal. They are 11.50 meters long, about 2.8 meters wide, and about 3 meters high. A sliding door, about 1.5 meters wide, is at the side of the car bearing the Russian inscription. ** The plant's entire production is shipped to the U.S.S.R. as reparations. A commission accepts the cars each week. After acceptance the railroad cars are assembled into trains on sidings of the Noerlitz (M 52/E 17) Railyard and then leave via Berlin-Rummelsburg (N 53/Z 94) - Brest Litovsk (S 53/M 87) for Moscow.

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4. The plant's most important suppliers of raw-materials and semi-manufactured goods were the Hettstedt (M 52/D 64) Rolling Mill, the Steelworks and Rolling Mill in Thale (M 52/D 25), and the Waren (N 54/U 35) Iron Foundry. Raw material shipments came also directly from the U.S.S.R. via Frankfurt/Oder. The Railroad Car Construction Factory in Weimar (M 51/J 57) and the Railroad Construction Factory in Gotha (M 51/J 06) delivered wheels and underframes. Car bushings and wheels were reportedly in short supply, since there were only sporadic deliveries of these.
5. The key personnel of the plant administration included plant manager Behrendt, (fnu), aged 59, SED member; commercial manager Ohnesorge, (fnu), aged 54, SED sympathizer; cultural manager Loebe, (fnu), aged 48, SED member; purchasing manager Albin Jakobs, SED sympathizer. The key personnel of the engineering office included graduate chief engineer Ehlert, (fnu), aged 53, SED member; graduate engineer Albrecht, (fnu), aged 48, SED member.
6. The total number of employees was 1,000 to 1,200 in 1933, about 1,400 in 1945, 1,600 to 2,000 in 1950 and 2,450 on 1 September 1950. The last figure comprised 1,450 male workers, 75 female workers, 255 male auxiliary workers, 245 female auxiliary workers, 135 male and 45 female apprentices and 155 commercial and technical clerks. The assignments of the remaining 90 employees are unknown.
7. The plant is guarded by a plant militia numbering 75 men. There are day and night controls.

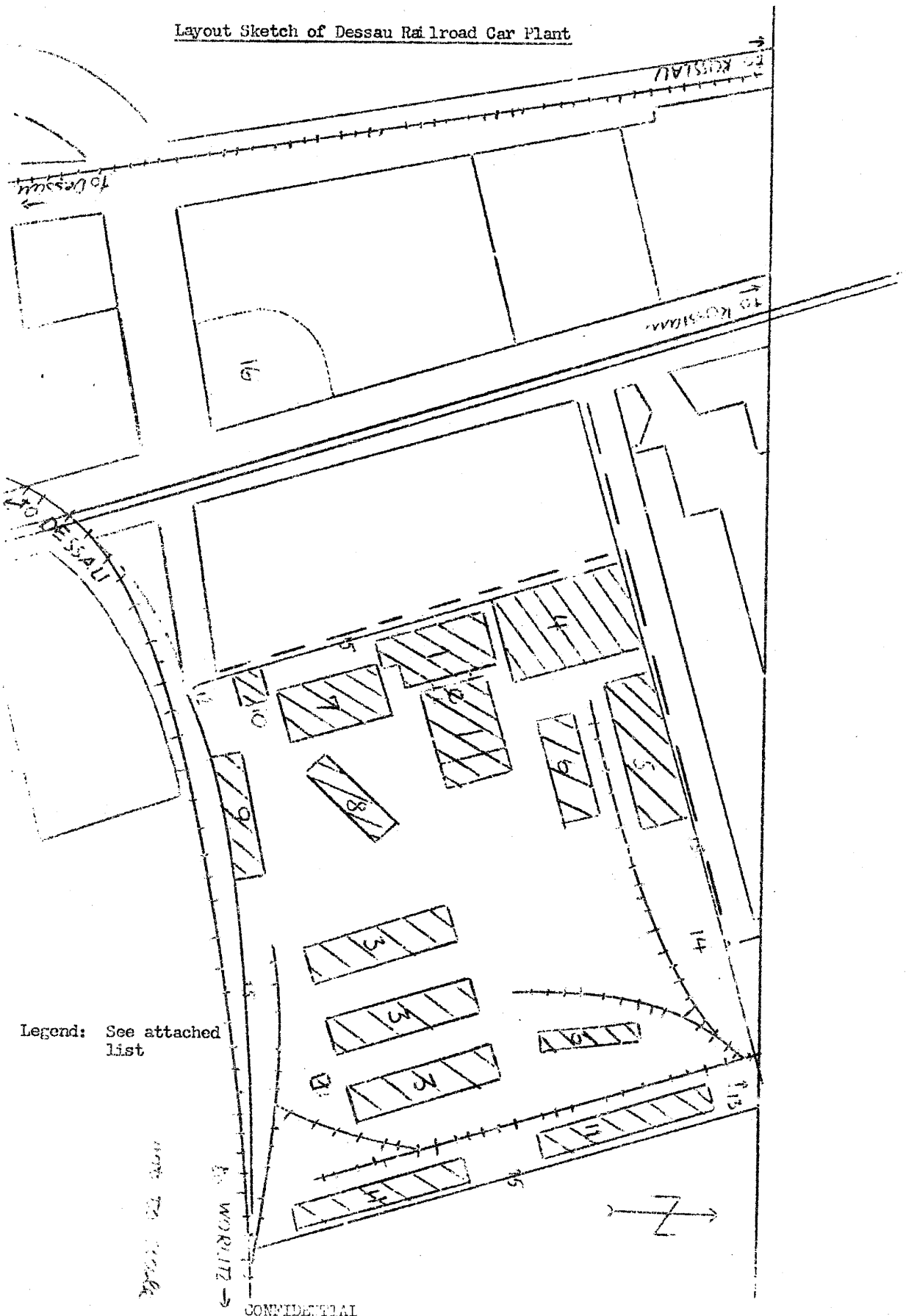
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- * Comment. For layout sketch of the plant, see Annex 1.
** Comment. For a sketch of these cars, see Annex 2.

2 Annexes: Sketches on ditto

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Layout Sketch of Dessau Railroad Car Plant



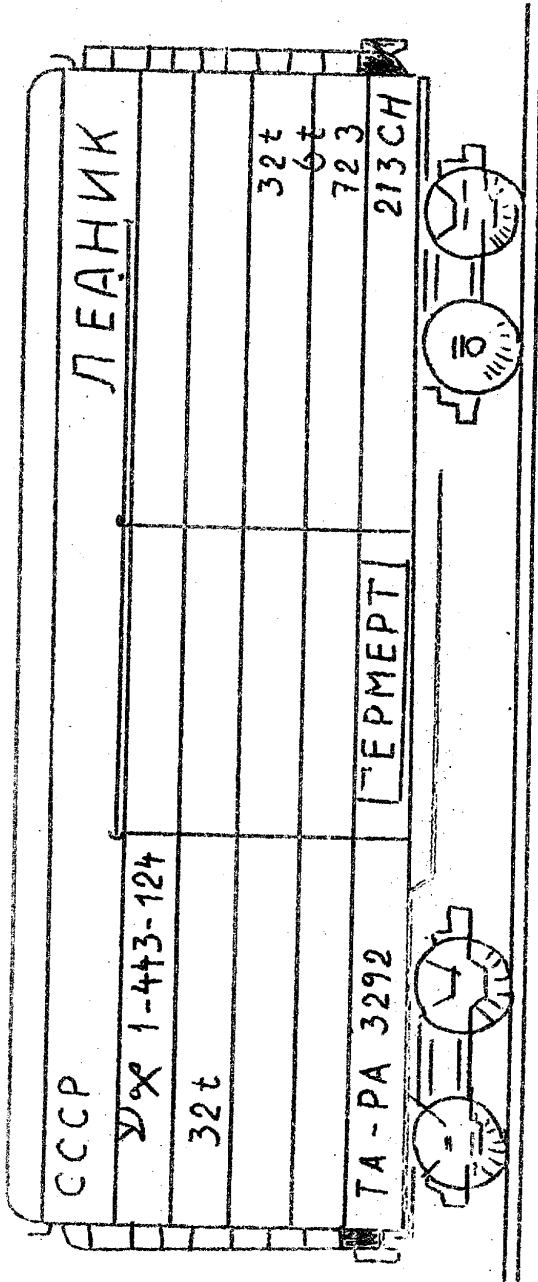
Legend: See attached list

Legend

- 1 Boilerhouse and power station
- 2 Smokestack
- 3 Assembly shops
- 4 Reconstructed workshops
- 5 Workshops
- 6 Assembly shop
- 7 Administration building
- 8 Accounting office
- 9 Engineering office
- 10 Guardhouse
- 11 New assembly shops under construction
- 12 Entrance gate
- 13 Watchtower
- 14 Materiel depot
- 15 Wooden fence
- 16 Filling station

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Special Refrigerator Car Manufactured at Dessau Railroad Car Plant



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