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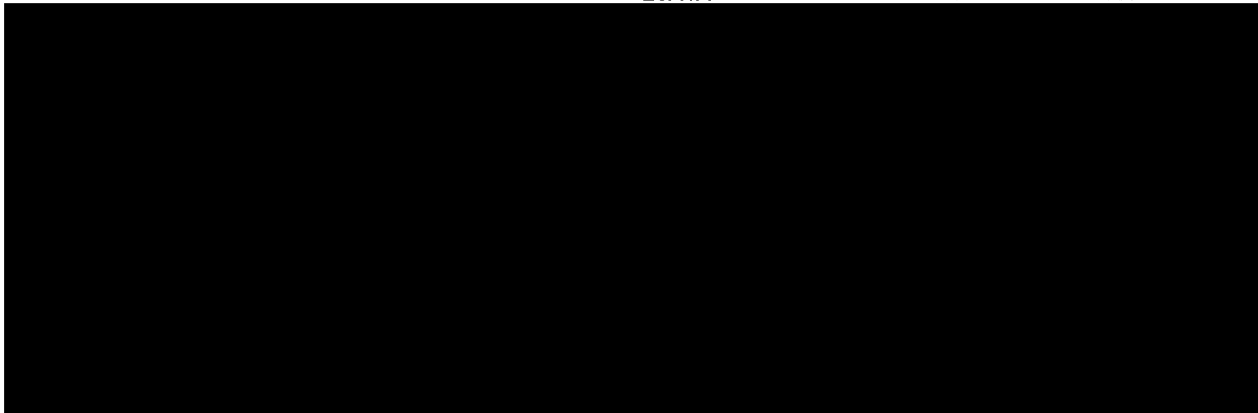
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- a. The shipments took place from 20 September to 14 October 1950. One train of 40 refrigerator cars operated daily from the U.S.S.R. to the Central Stock-Yard in Berlin, traveling via Brest Litovsk, Warsaw and Frankfurt/Oder. This train operated through Poland on the schedule of the Soviet leave train that had been cancelled.
- b. At the Berlin Central Stock-Yard the meat was transloaded into boxcars which were dispatched to the areas of Cottbus-Dresden, Leipzig-Chemnitz, Dessau-Halle-Erfurt, and Brandenburg-Magdeburg.
- c. The refrigerator cars contained lard and meat frozen at a temperature of -15°C. It is probable that the deliveries were primarily for civilian consumption, since in the fall of 1950 no stocks were available in the Soviet Zone to meet meat rations, small as they were. However, it is possible that part of the meat sent by the U.S.S.R. was for military consumption. Similar fish shipments were also directed via the Cuban border crossing point during the same period.
- d. Only individual refrigerator cars have been operating since mid-October 1950. These cars are attached to the scheduled freight trains using those border crossing points where customs offices are established.
- e. The second leave train had always operated on a case-to-case basis and presently runs irregularly during the week. *

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