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1. All Bulgarian vessels operating on the Danube are controlled by the Bulgarian Danube River Navigation Authority (Bulgarsko Rečno Plavane). 25X1
2. Cement and pyrites (chiefly iron) are shipped by barge from Svishtov and Ruse to Reni in the USSR. These ships return with iron and steel rods, machine parts and trucks. Return shipments have decreased gradually since 1949; four barges carrying cement to Reni in January 1951 returned empty to Ruse. There is no regular schedule for traffic to Reni. Barges normally used for transporting sugar beets from Danube villages to Ruse are routed to Reni whenever a shipment is ready for the USSR.
3. Wheat, corn, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, soy beans, hides, aniseed and various ores are shipped from Ruse to Bratislava. During 1950, 70 barge loads of wheat, averaging more than 600 tons each, were despatched to Czechoslovakia in Bulgarian and Czechoslovak barges.
4. Unidentified ores and cord wood have been shipped from Ruse to Budapest, Hungary.
5. An unidentified ore, described as a gray-green sand, has been shipped from Ruse and Svishtov to Vienna. One shipment of this ore, loaded at Svishtov and routed to Vienna in February 1951, was destined for USIA.

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