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1. Twenty thousand "O"- and "C"-type freight cars, built in Germany during 1939-1945 for use on broad-gauge railroads, and held since 1945 by the USSR, are to be released to the DDR.
2. DDR repair shops have been instructed to send all available standard-gauge axles to Lichtenberg for delivery to Brest-Litovsk, where they are to be attached to the cars.
3. One hundred axles have already been sent from Potsdam, and 48 from Eberswalde.
4. In exchange, the DDR has undertaken to release approximately 7,500 cars which had been taken as war booty ("Trophäenwagen"), most of which will be returned to Poland and Czechoslovakia.

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