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1. The Fern-Betriebswerk Ost Frankfurt/Oder (Soviet Transit Traffic Operations Office) is composed of four columns, a total of 120 locomotives. The columns handle Soviet freight traffic from Frankfurt/Oder to the USSR. The trains are guarded by a military detail of about 10 men. One brigade, i.e., one train crew, performs an average of three or four missions a month. Each train is made up of about 60 cars. The trains are assembled at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard. \*
2. The bulk of the goods carried are heavy machines, bridge sections, structural girders for new factories, and passenger cars. Trains loaded with uranium ore are handled separately. They are heavily guarded by Soviet police; the same regulations apply to trains carrying printed material. Trains carrying printed material and uranium are provided with telephone facilities. In the bills of lading, the uranium ore is listed as medicinal earth. \*\*
3. Up a rival in Brest Litovsk, the German railroad personnel is subjected to a very strict customs and police inspection, particularly with regard to printed material, radio sets, and gramophone records. \*\*\*

25X1A\* [REDACTED] Comment. The locomotive columns mentioned are Columns Nos 2, 4, 5, and 8, each of them equipped with 30 locomotives. [REDACTED] 25X1A  
According to another report, security measures taken for Soviet transit trains, with the exception of uranium ores shipments, are not so strict. See

25X1A [REDACTED]. The average time required for a round trip is five days. After two or three missions the column personnel are given a four or five-day leave. [REDACTED]

25X1A\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED]. The designation medicinal earth is frequently used to conceal the true nature of Soviet shipments.

25X1A\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. This is confirmed by a previous report. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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