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According to an order issued by the Berlin regional railroad headquarters and seen at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 1 May 1951, trains of 50 cars each, loaded with standard gauge axles, will be dispatched to Gerdauen, Berestowiza (sic), (1) Brest-Litovsk and Jagodin. (2) It is planned to dispatch such trains every 36 to 48 hours from Frankfurt/Oder, and every five days from Kuestrin and Guben. (3) These trains, which will not be included in the existing transit agreement, must be provided with specially marked papers and special authorizations to draw three tons of coal in Poland. (4)

(1) Comment: Possibly Berestovets 50-53N, 26-18E.

(2) Comment: The order concerns the whipping of standard-gauge axles to Russian border crossing points where they will be mounted on German railroad cars returned by the Russians to the Russian Zone of Germany. The standard-gauge axles have been collected for some time at the Berlin-Lichtenberg railroad station. To date it was only known that the axles would have to be sent to Brest-Litovsk and Gerdauen.

(3) Comment: This would add up to about six trains every week. The organization of German acceptance teams has been under way since 30 April 1951.

(4) Comment: These coal checks are issued for accounting purposes between the two railroad administrations.

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