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1. On 24 April 1951, a train of 18 new express train coaches equipped with radio and/or train telegraph facilities was seen on a siding of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The four-axle coaches had six large windows, and one end compartment of each coach was designed as a radio booth. A two-wire antenna was fitted on the roof of each coach. A flatcar loaded with the required Russian-gauge axles was placed after each group of three coaches. [redacted] it was learned that the train was to be dispatched to Brest Litovsk. \*

2. On 2 and 17 April 1951, new railway cranes traveling toward the east were seen in Frankfurt/Oder. The cranes, whose lifting capacity was estimated at 30 tons, were mounted on special flatcars with six axles. The cranes bore Russian inscriptions in Cyrillic. A number of boxcars and gondola cars were included in this train.\*\*

\* [redacted] Comment. The express train coaches are believed to have been reparations deliveries.

\*\* [redacted] Comment. For sketch of railway crane, see Annex.2. The cranes are also believed to have been reparations deliveries. The crane shovel rests on a supporting device, which compensates for jerks and shocks as well as curves of the track.

1 Annex: One sketch on ditto

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