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- 25X1 1. [ ]
- 25X1 a. The German personnel was strictly controlled by the MVD in Malkinia (R53/F64). (1)
- 25X1 b. At the Berestovice railroad station in the U.S.S.R. the transfer of goods from standard to Soviet-gauge cars is performed by means of tilting devices. (2)
- 25X1 2. [ ]
- 25X1 a. Only a single track was in operation on the Gultowy-Wekla (P53/X56) section because maintenance work was being done on the road bed. Several minor temporary bridges were being replaced by permanent structures. (3)
- 25X1 b. The customs and border control in Terespol had been tightened and German railroad personnel could not leave the train. (1)
- 25X1 c. Five coal dumps with an estimated total of 150,000 tons were noticed between the Central and North Railroad Stations in Brest Litovsk. (4) Large warehouses were under construction along this line. (5)
- 25X1 d. The electrification of the Warsaw-Blonie railroad line is completed. According to Polish railroad workers the electrification of the line is to be extended as far as Sochaczew-Kutno. (6)
- 25X1 e. Near Reppen, a tent camp of the Polish State Youth was seen.
- 3. [ ]
- a. Because of maintenance work on the road bed, speed on the Konin-Patryzkow line was limited to 15 km/h, and that on the Kutno-Zychlin line to 25 km/h. (7)

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b. The bridge across the Bug River near Brest Litovsk has been built with military bridge equipment. It carries one track, is about 120 meters long, 4 meters wide and 10 meters above the water level. (8)

4. [Redacted] Soviet soldiers were checking the railroad telephone line between Wrzesnia and Konin. (9) Construction activity in the Brest Litovsk railroad station area has been intensified. A Soviet railroad engineer unit of about 200 men, who arrived daily from the direction of Brest Litovsk-North, were engaged in track-laying work north of the sidings used by westbound trains. Another detail of Soviet railroad engineers, also of about 200 men, were working south of the coal transloading tracks. (5)

25X1 [Redacted] Comments:

- (1) This statement is believed to refer to a Polish control point. The German railroad personnel is subject to a passport and customs inspection at Polish and Soviet borders.
- (2) This Soviet railroad station on the Bialystok-Baranowize railroad line is a border crossing point.
- (3) This railroad line section east of Posen is 6 km long.
- (4) This statement seems to refer to coal awaiting shipment to the U.S.S.R. The stocks are so high that it is believed improbable that they should be used for railroad operations.
- (5) It seems that the Brest Litovsk transloading points are being enlarged.
- (6) The completion of the electrification of this line was announced in the Polish press in early April 1951. The project seems to be included in the framework of the Six-Year Plan.
- (7) It is believed that this refers to an exchange of rails and ties on the double-track railroad line.
- (8) [Redacted]
- (9) This statement is believed to refer to activities of Soviet signal troops employed for maintenance work on Soviet telephone lines connecting the U.S.S.R. with the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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