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- a. On 24 February 1951, the Soviet Control Commission gave the following order to the Directorate General: The dismantling of rails from double-track railroad lines ordered in 1945 and 1946 by the RBDB is cancelled herewith. The second tracks of all main railroad lines and of all main feeder lines in the Soviet Zone are to be reconstructed immediately in order to improve the conditions of freight and passenger traffic. The sequence of the pertinent construction work will be laid down by the SCC. (1) All communication equipment, signal equipment and security installations are to be brought to their prewar status and are to be modernized where necessary.
- b. Priority is to be given to the construction of a double-track railroad line connecting the new Foundry Combine East (Eisenhüttenkombinat-Ost), and Fuerstenberg/Oder. (2)
- c. Adequate shunting and marshaling yards are to be provided in order to guarantee a smooth flow of traffic to and from Poland via Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk. (3)
- d. A new railroad line is to be constructed between Treuenbrietzen and Luckenwalde and run via the Jueterbog troop training grounds. (4) Railroad connections are to be established to the main railroad lines leading to Thuringia and Saxony.
- e. The Rathenow-Nauen railroad line is to be double-tracked. (5)
- f. A second track on the Saalfeld - Unterwallenborn railroad line is to be constructed immediately. (6)
- g. The Ministry of Labor has been requested to procure the required laborers. Plans for the individual projects are to be prepared and to be forwarded to the requesting office. The most urgent projects must be completed by the end of 1951. (7)

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- (1) The projected reconstruction of second tracks of main railroad lines previously dismantled in the Soviet Zone has been announced in the Soviet Zone press. However, with the shortage of rails and other raw materials it is believed improbable that this project can be carried out. Only short sections of trunk lines have been double-tracked. In order to obtain rails for these short sections, tracks had to be dismantled at other places. Such individual projects have been reported previously. The abbreviation RBDB probably stands for Reichsbahndirektion Berlin.
- (2) Fuerstenberg is on the Frankfurt/Oder - Guben railroad line. The planned reconstruction of the dismantled second track of this line was previously reported. The construction of a new railroad line between Fuerstenberg and Grunow was also planned. [ ]
- 25X1 (3) This project includes the following construction work in Frankfurt/Oder: The enlargement of the marshaling yard, construction of ramps and tracks at the freight station, establishment of a new regulating station between the eastern outskirts and the bridge across the Oder river, and the construction of a railroad connection between the marshaling yard and passenger station by the reconstruction of a bridge destroyed during the war. [ ]
- 25X1 (4) This project is reported for the first time. The new railroad line would probably pass along the northern border of the troop training grounds. The Justerbog maneuver area is already connected with the main lines from Berlin to Saxony and Thuringia by rail links near Justerbog and near Belzig.
- 25X1 (5) The direct railroad connection between Rathenow and Nauen is a narrow-gauge line leading via Kriele and Senzke. The western section of this line between Rathenow and Kriele is being dismantled. Since it seems improbable that this line would be provided with a second track, it is believed that the section Rathenow - Wusternmark of the main line Berlin-Stendal and the connecting line Wusternmark - Nauen is meant. [ ]
- (7) It is believed that the target dates for the completion of smaller construction projects will be met.

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