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1. The following observations were made between 30 June and 8 July 1951:
  - a. The technical facilities of the Golabki marshaling yard, 7 km west of Warsaw, were completed in January 1951. Military installations were not observed there. (1)
  - b. The standard-gauge system terminates in Brest Litovsk. East of Malaczewicze there runs a combined standard and Soviet-gauge track. Fuel trains are transloaded in Brest Litovsk. (2)
  - c. Damaged freight cars returned from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany are being provided with standard gauge axles at Brest Litovsk East Railroad Station. These operations are being performed on 3 tracks having the length of full trains. The tracks concerned have three rails so that they are usable for both Soviet gauge and standard gauge trains. By means of an electric hoisting device the railroad cars are lifted so that the Soviet gauge axle can be exchanged for a standard gauge axle. Generally converted cars are dispatched individually. In cases where a great number of freight cars is to be handled, the exchange of axles will be performed by means of a crane. A great number of such damaged German freight cars has been assembled in Brest Litovsk. (3)
  - d. Brigade locomotives will be coaled in Poznan-Wranowa, Kutno, Siedlce and Czerencza, or Luckow when the locomotives operate via Terespol. Coal stocks kept there are normal. Coal stocks observed in the coal bins of Neu-Bentschen seemed to be very large. (4)
  - e. The improvement of the Malaczewicze railroad station is completed. A combined Soviet and standard gauge track runs from Malaczewicze to Brest Litovsk. Three transloading ramps adequate for 120 axles each are available in Malaczewicze. Except for coal all goods shipped from Poland to the U.S.S.R. or vice versa are transloaded in Malaczewicze. (5)

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2. The following observations were made between 23 and 26 June 1951:

- a. Two km east of Czeremcha the previous wooden transloading platform is being replaced by a concrete one.
- b. The railroad bridge over the Bug River near Brest Litovsk which suffered damages during the war is being repaired in day and night work. (6)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

- (1) The improvement of this new marshaling yard was reported previously.
- (2) Information on the Malaczewice and Brest Litovsk transloading stations was reported previously.
- (3) For last report on the return of 20,000 damaged German freight cars from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany, [redacted]
- (4) These coaling stations are laid down in the official railroad guide for Soviet transit traffic through Poland.
- (5) The share of Malaczewice in this transshipping traffic has not yet been definitely determined.
- (6) According to a previous report, the bridge across the Bug River consists of military bridge equipment. It remains to be clarified whether the work observed was mere repair work or whether the military bridge equipment is being replaced.

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