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1. In mid-February 1952, [redacted] three lists showing an outline of the plant schedule, the estimated 1951 production, the scheduled production for 1952, the material consumption quotas for 1952, and the most important investments projects and general repair projects of the Wilhelm Pieck Thuringian Synthetic Fiber Plant in Schwarza (H 51/H 92), Thuringia. The lists show the following production figures:

	1951 Estimated Production	1952 Scheduled Production
Cellulose wool	22,070 tons	25,200 tons
Perlon cord	240 tons	200 tons
Perlon hosiery silk	185 tons	400 tons
Perlon bristles	50 tons	45 tons
Carbon disulphide	11,400 tons	18,000 tons
Sulphuric acid SO ₃	19,000 tons	30,030 tons
Formaldehyde	4,800 tons	6,500 tons
Paraformaldehyde	-	300 tons
Electric power	60,000,000 kw-h	70,000,000 kw-h

2. It was rumored [redacted] the Perlon cord produced in the synthetic fiber plant was used in the production of parachute silk. The entire Perlon cord production was shipped to Kentau Tragebirge (H 51/K 65).*
3. The caustic soda required for the production of cellulose wool was allegedly imported exclusively from West Germany. In early February 1952 a total of 200 tons of caustic soda was shipped in six long-distance trucks with trailers from Hamburg to the synthetic fiber plant. **

* [redacted] Comment: Hosiery plants, located in Kentau, Tragebirge, include the A. Becker Plant at 62 Ribenberg, the Feerster and Co Plant, the Lilly Hartwig Plant, the K. G. Kemter Plant, the Franz Pfau Plant, the Elsa Reinhardt Plant, the Hermann Lichter Plant, and the P. La. Uhlmann Plant. Located in Kentau are

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also the Richard Blawaty Cloth Dressing Plant, and the R. Thieme Textile Factory at 31 b Minsiedl. Strasse. It is not known which of these plants is processing Perlon cord.

25X1 ** Comment. Before the war, the Synthetic Fiber Plant in Schwarza produced 2,000 tons of cellulose wool per month. Therefore, if the 1952 schedule of the plant is achieved, the plant will have regained its peacetime production level. The annual production of cellulose wool during World War II was 36,000 tons.

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