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1. The map of the Polish railroad network which forms Attachment A is based on documents and railroad charts of the former Chief of Transportation of the German Armed Forces as of late 1944. This material was brought up to date and supplemented by new information furnished by refugees, German PWs, German railroad personnel employed for Soviet traffic through Poland, and data obtained from the daily press, technical publications, pertinent radio reports, Polish timetables for the years 1949 through 1952 and Soviet 1950 and 1951 timetables for trains operating through Poland. The present status of the Polish railroad net is indicated by the following information.
 - a. Notwithstanding some rumors to the contrary, it can definitely be assumed that the Soviet-gauge system has not been extended to Polish territory. The only exceptions to this are the Brest Litovsk-Malaszewice and the Przemysl-Zurawica railroad line sections, which have both a Soviet-gauge and a standard-gauge track.* The Malaszewice railroad station is being converted into a transfer point from Soviet to standard gauge. Zurawica, which was established as such a rail transfer point by the Germans for grain imports from the U.S.S.R. in late 1939, has not been observed being used for transloading operations by the Russians to date.
 - b. The new Skierniewice-Gora Kalwaria-Lukow** and Mieschow (50°32'N 20°02'E)-Nowy Korczyn (50°18'N 20° 49'E)-Nisko (50°32'N 22° 09'E)-Szczetrzeszyn (50°42'N 22°58'E) railroad lines have been reported under construction by one source.*** The lines have been entered in the railroad map, although this information has not been confirmed.
 - c. Work on the electrification of the Warsaw-Pluszcz and the Warsaw-Blonie (in the direction of Sochaczew) sections has progressed so far that electrically powered transportation on the two lines is expected to start in late March 1952. The lines concerned have not been marked as electrified lines on the attached map.
2. Information on Polish railroad lines used for Soviet transportation, which was obtained from the trilingual official timetable for Soviet passenger and freight trains, effective on 20 May 1951, is shown on an overlay which forms Attachment B.

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- 25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment: Other information reports the existence of three such lines. Aside from the above mentioned routes, [REDACTED] mentions the Elblag-Bogaczewo-Flobidy-Braniewo-Kaliningrad line. 25X1A
- 25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment: Previous information indicates that construction on the line has started.
- 25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] reports that construction of a double-track railroad line between Miechow and Szczepieszyn via Nowy Korczyn was planned and approved, but actual construction had not yet started by the summer of 1951. 25X1A

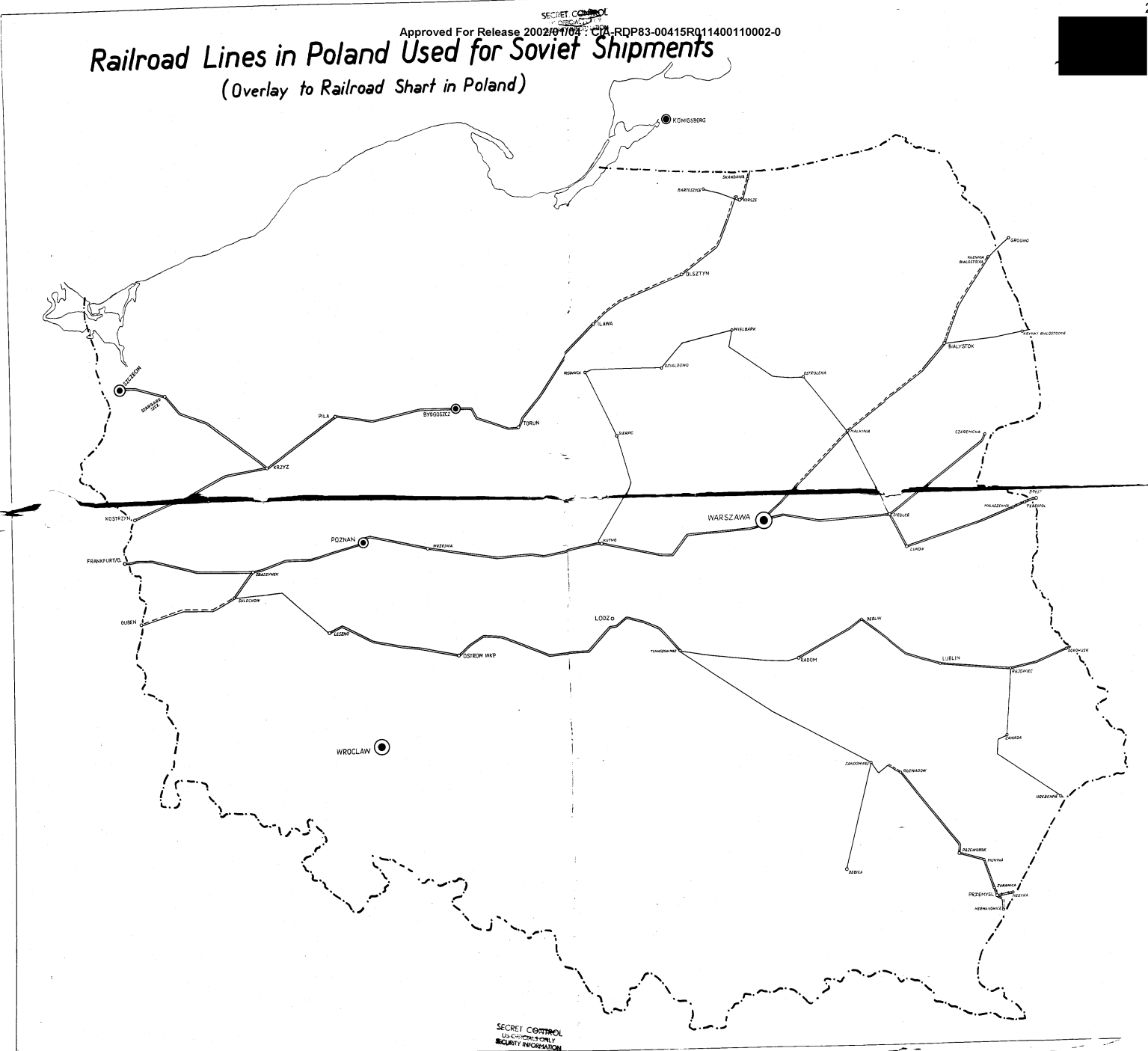
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Railroad Lines in Poland Used for Soviet Shipments

(Overlay to Railroad Chart in Poland)



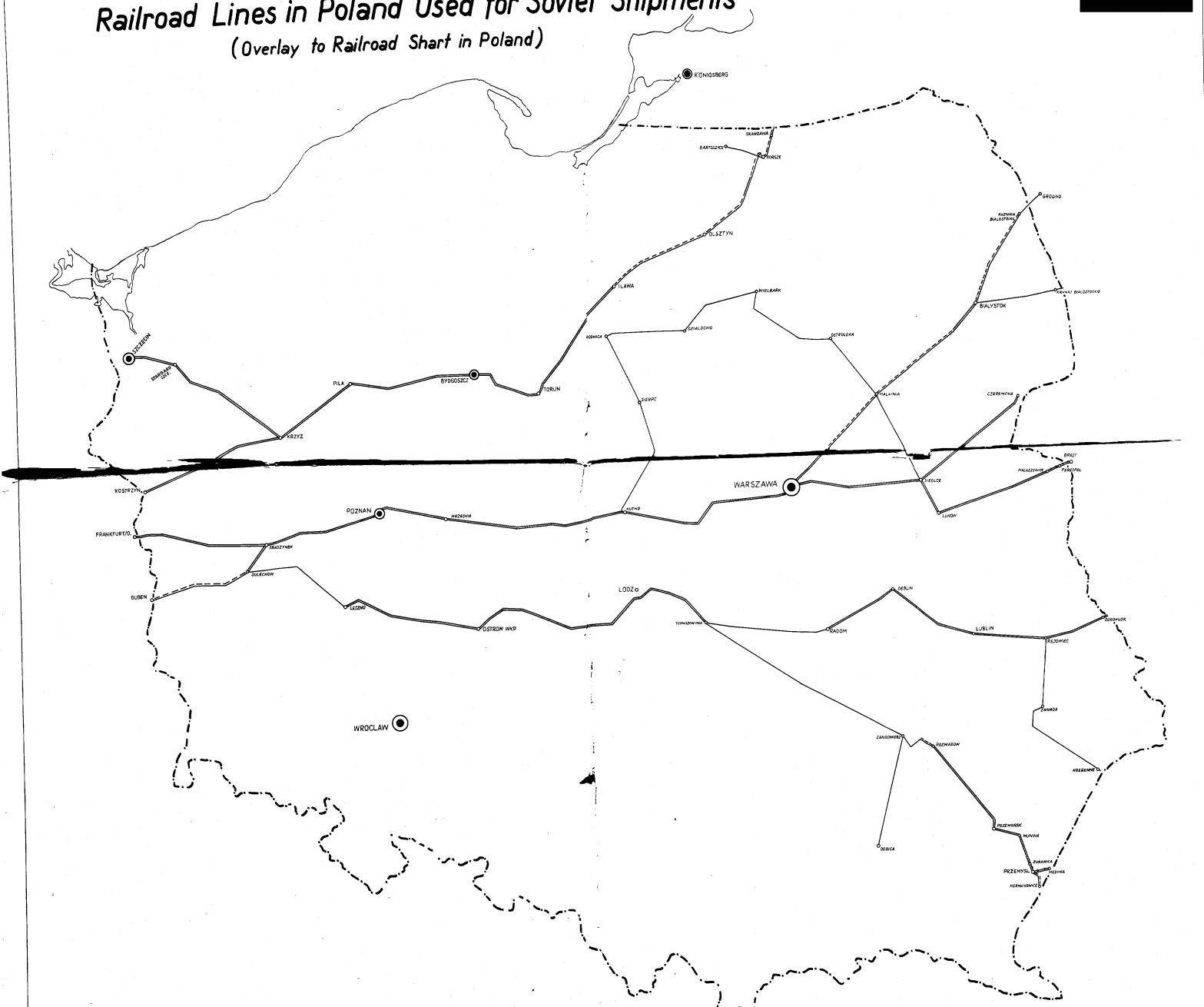
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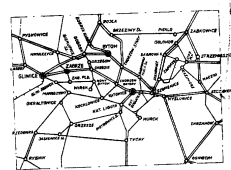
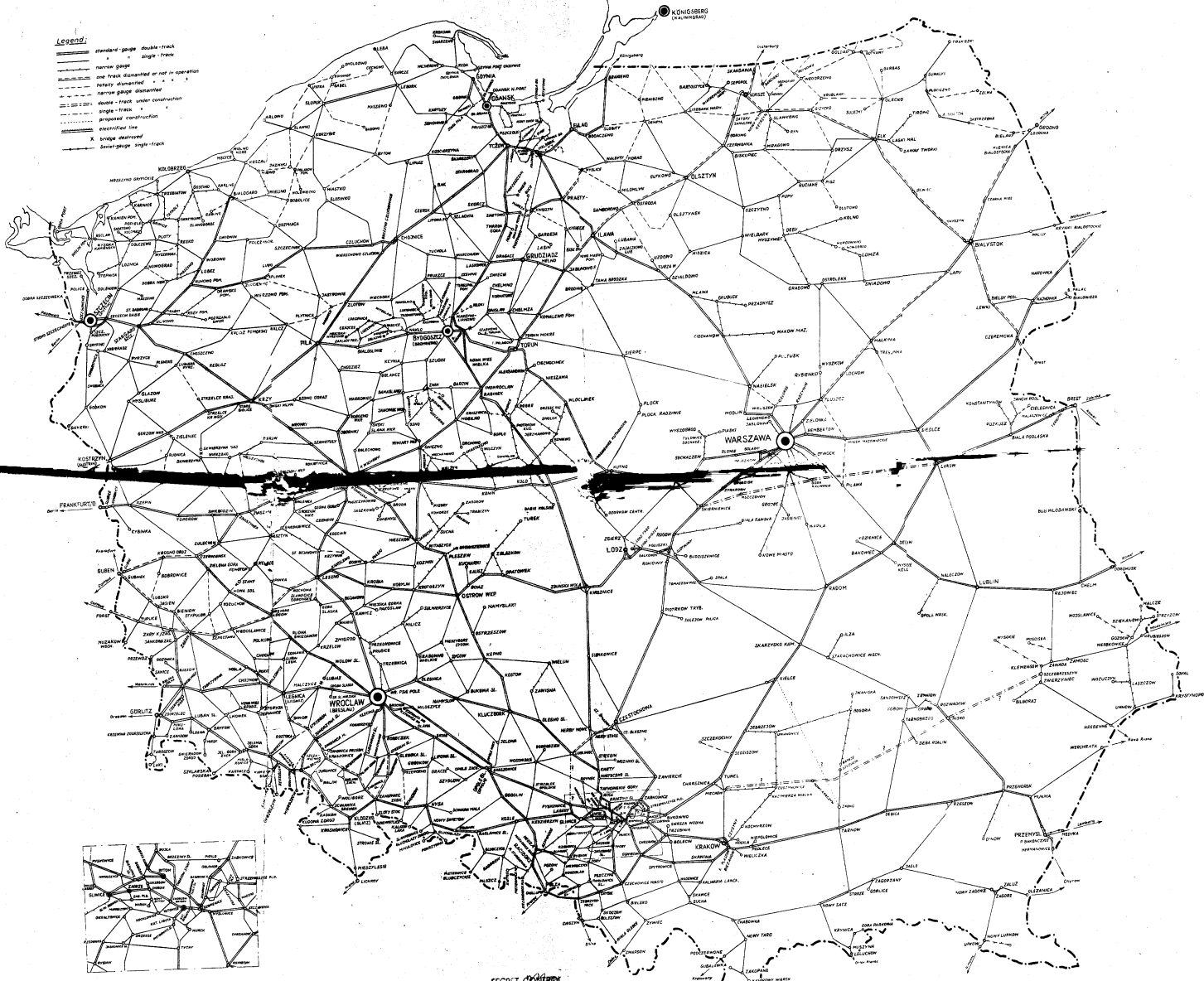
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Railroad Net of Poland

Scale 1:1,000,000

- Legend:**
- standard-gauge double-track
 - - - standard-gauge single-track
 - narrow-gauge
 - - - narrow-gauge double-track
 - - - narrow-gauge single-track
 - - - narrow-gauge double-track under construction
 - - - narrow-gauge single-track under construction
 - - - proposed construction
 - - - electrified line
 - X bridge destroyed
 - - - Soviet-gauge single-track



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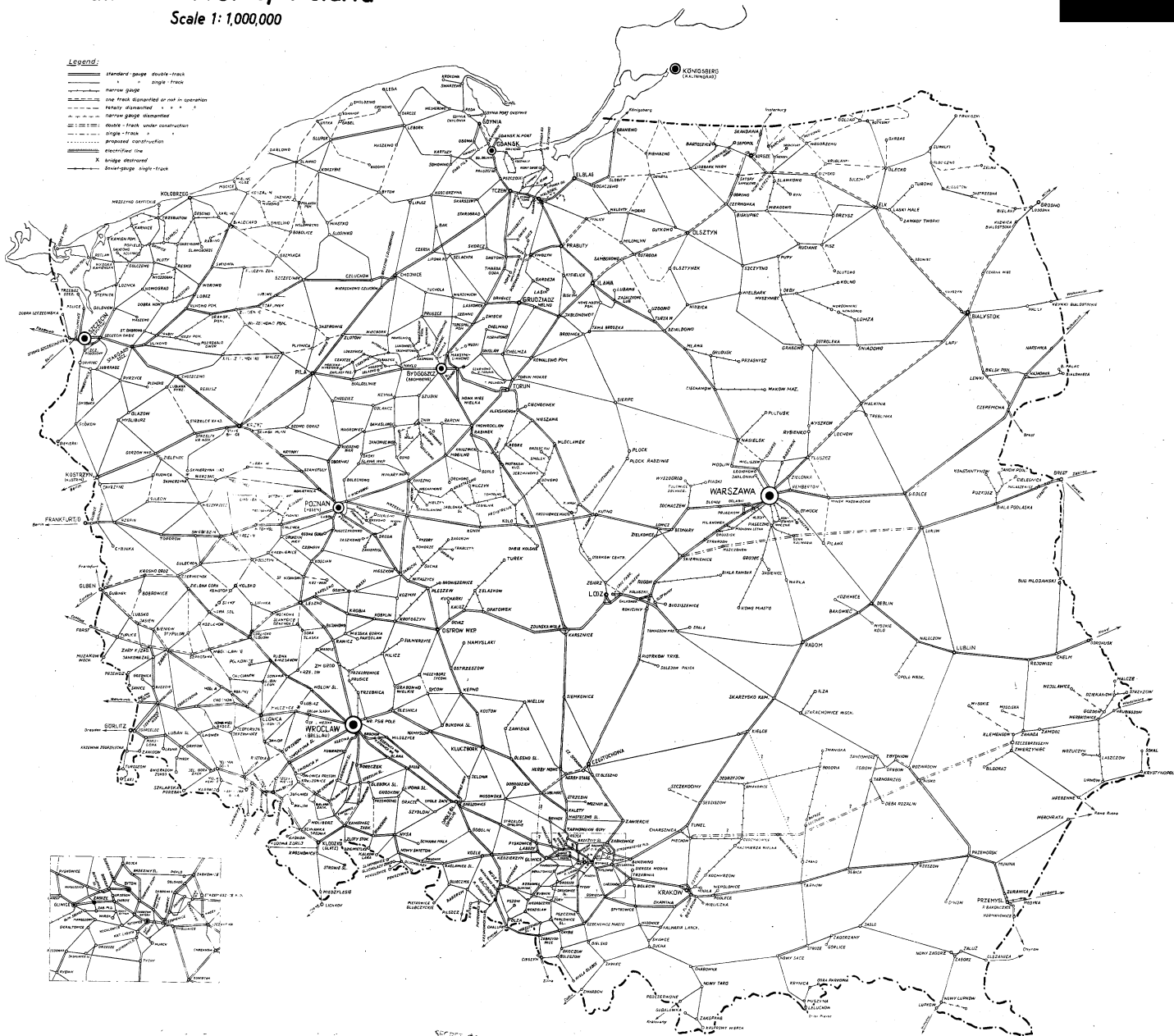
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Railroad Net of Poland

Scale 1:1,000,000

Legend:

- standard gauge double-track
- standard gauge single-track
- narrow gauge
- one track dismantled or not in operation
- recently dismantled
- narrow gauge dismantled
- double-track under construction
- single-track under construction
- proposed construction
- electrified line
- single electrified
- double-gauge single-track



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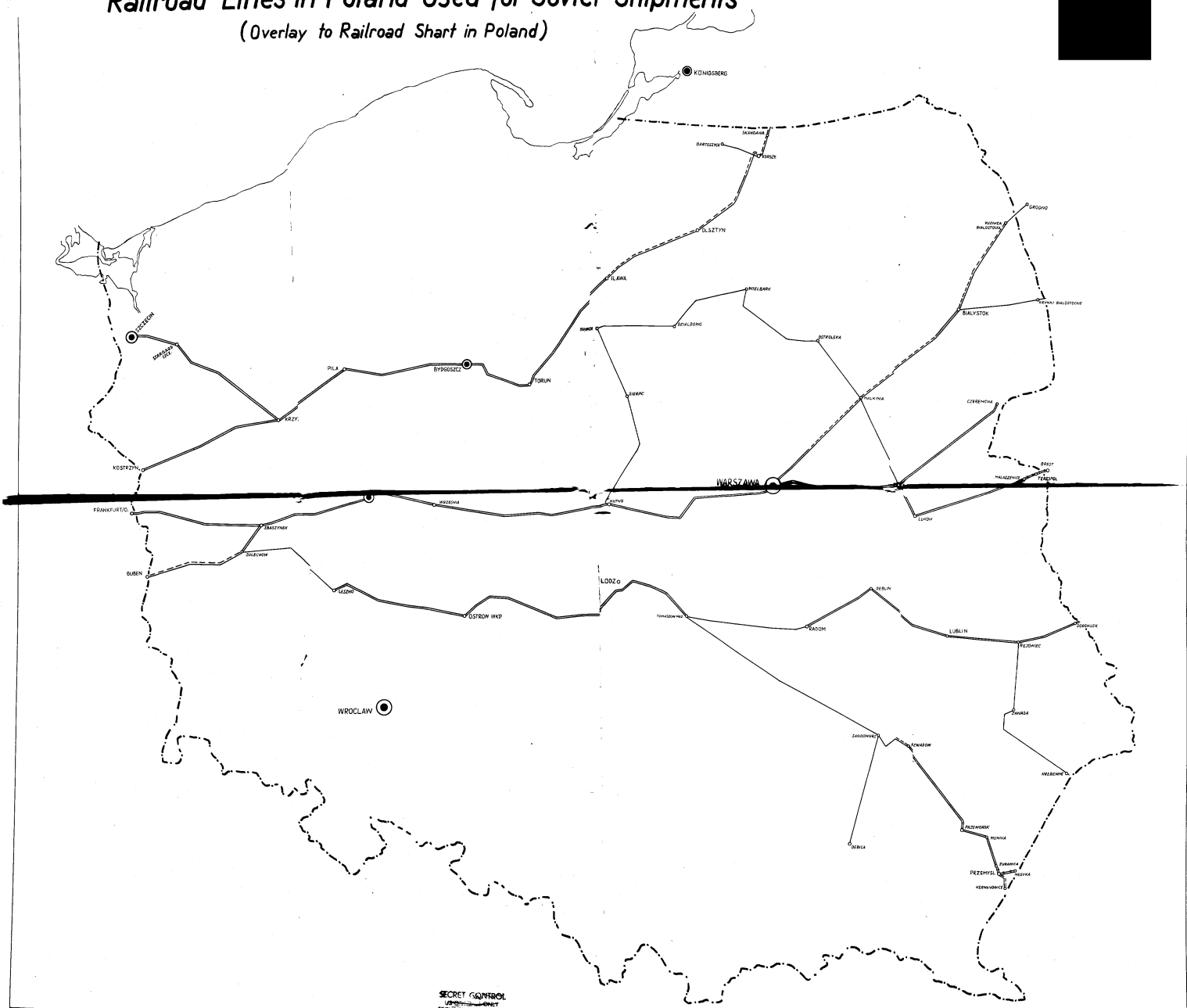
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- single-track under construction
- proposed construction
- electrified line
- X bridge
- double-gauge high-track

