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P R E F A C E

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three FOIA b3a reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. The numbering of the items was added by the translator FOIA b3a. The Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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From the technical school in Blagoveshchensk to NKRF in Khabarovsk	119 men
From the technical school in Blagoveshchensk to the Upper Amur Steamship Agency	59 "
From the technical school in Yakutsk to the Lena Steamship Agency	121 "

Personnel SituationMoscow NKRF

(6) Moscow is protesting the cancellation of draft exemptions for 6 workers of Shipyard "Gorkij" in Raznezhe.

(7) A message to the NKRF in Ulyanovsk indicates that a serious shortage of experienced personnel exists.

Oil Supply

(8) Inland Steamship Agency Supply in Gorkij is to deliver 200 kg. of auto gasoline to each of the following plants from its March allotment:

Ship Repair Yard "Molotov" in Gorkij
Plant "Toplokhod"
Plant "Ulyanov-Lenin"

(9) Kujbyshev NKRF requires:

for ship repairs	35 tons of oil
	50 tons of mazut
for workshops of the barge "Bezdna"	20 tons of mazut
" " in Zolotovsk	30 tons of mazut

Material Supply

(10) Tiflis "Generator" requests the following for repair purposes:

roofing cardboard	1000 rolls
paper for manufacturing	
roofing cardboard	20000 meters
window glass	2 cars

(11) The Poti Construction Industry requires 2000 meters of cable.

(12) The Armavir Leather Combine reports the following balance of preserved hides:

hides (large)	6,000 pieces
hides (small)	2,000 "
pigskins	4,000 "

Since there is a lack of salt, they can no longer be preserved.

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(13) The Copper Industry reports:

output of copper products:

On 19 March	3 tons
Since the beginning of March	57 "
Remainder not shipped	105 "

(14) Plant "Kirov" requests from the C.D. for the Machine Tool Industry in Moscow:

160 meters of 200-250 mm. rolled pipes

(15) Iron Supply reports the conclusion of an agreement concerning the shipment of 10,000 spades and the necessity of obtaining 30 tons of thin sheet-iron.

(16) The Ferrous Metallurgy Industry reports that 217 tons of old metal were processed in March.

(17) Ufa NKRF is to receive 40 tons of assorted iron from the Chief Directorate for Metal Sales in Chelyabinsk.

(18) Novosibirsk NKRF will receive: conducting wire - 131 meters
untested metal - 20 tons
plate

(19) Blagoveshchensk NKRF has been permitted to receive 1/2 ton of nails, on loan, in the first quarter of 1943.

Chemical Supply

(20) On 5 March one carload containing 1.479 tons of dyes and 3.5 tons of priming was shipped from Moscow to Plant "Generator" in Tiflis.

(21) Baku received 1 car of Bertholet salt. The 6 tons of Bertholet salt and 0.1 ton of red phosphorus remaining in excess of the state plan are to be delivered to the Armenian Match Industry in order to avoid a threatened disruption of production.

(22) Grain Procurement is to use 1.5 tons of oil waste for the production of varnish.

(23) The copper vitriol factory in Alaverdy will receive 130 tons of sulphuric acid.

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(24) Krasnoyarsk NKRF is to receive an additional 100 kg. of solid quicklime from Sverdlovsk.

(25) Yakutsk NKRF does not have any battery acid or quicklime.

Timber Supply

(26) The Timber Industry organizations in Pechora Oblast' are obliged to deliver 64,000 cu. m. of timber in the first quarter. As of 1 March, 298 cu. m. had been delivered.

(27) As of 1 March Ust-Usa NKRF has from its own procurement:

Unprocessed firewood	2383 cu. m.
Processed firewood	12800 " "

(28) The following was shipped from the organizations of the Timber Industry:

Unprocessed firewood	2,263 cu. m.
Processed firewood	11,298 " "

In the second quarter 7,620 cu. m. of timber are to be procured.

Production and Construction

(29) Stalingrad NKRF requires a 2022 kw. alternating current generator for the plant in Krasnoarmejsk.

(30) The shipyard in Zurazhevka is to deliver as many shrubs and stones as possible in order to fortify soil at the drain canal of the "Ryazhevoj" Dam.

Transportation Situation

(31) The total transportation plan anticipated in April for the NKRF in Kujbyshev is 104,500 tons.

This includes:

grain	56,300
cement	2,700

Part of the shipments will be sent by railroad in order to relieve the fleet.