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1. [redacted]

[redacted] it was forbidden to keep more than one-quarter to one-half year's supply of stock on hand. [redacted]

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2. There are piles of lumber to be used for telephone poles and mine props at several railroad stations, especially those near heavily wooded areas. These are stacked near the track for easier loading. Such piles can be found on the Czernsk-Bak-Koschynna and the Laskowice-Czernsk-Chojaice lines as well as at the Tuchola (P54/W70) railroad station and some of its neighboring stations. The size of the poles is approximately 12 meters in length and 20 to 60 centimeters in diameter.

3. Saw-mills in the area have stocks of lumber, mainly pine deal-board, but it is all unseasoned and would be inadequate to meet the demand even if it were seasoned. Factories will not accept the unseasoned lumber for fear of tying up their bank credits.

4. The state sawmill, Las, located 1 km. from Bydgoszcz Wschod, has approximately 280,000 cubic meters of deal-board on hand. Another mill, State Sawmill No. 3 in Czernsk, has approximately 180,000 cubic meters of unseasoned pine deal-board in its yards. To alleviate this situation the party has ordered the immediate expansion and new construction of lumber drying facilities.

5. The so-called central supply depots have never [redacted] had any reserves. Whatever goods were delivered to them were immediately sent out to the production plants which very often had to wait six months for supplies.

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