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a. Loading schedule for September 1953:

Type of Goods	To Be Shipped by		Remarks
	Rail	Water	
	Number of Carloads per Day (in approximate figures)		
1	2	3	4
Soviet Occupation Forces	600	-	
Coal	10300	317	
Ore	300	21	
Metal	1200	30	
Scrap	400	6	
Chemicals	900	1.2	
Fertilizers	1100	46	
Liquid fuel	600	10.5	
Construction materials	3500	321	
Cement	450	33	
Lumber	700	21.5	50X1-HUM
Potatoes	380	6	

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1	2	3	4
Grain	760	115	
Fruit, vegetables	185	-	
Sugar beets	-	-	Harvest drive after 25 September
Sugar	550	10	
Salt	170	6	
Alcohol	15	-	
Textiles, paper	-	4	
Livestock	410	-	
Other foodstuffs	550	29.8	
Fadder	200	3.5	
Piece goods	3100	1.5	
Miscellaneous goods	4000	232	
Total	30370	1215	1

b. Import and export shipments scheduled for August 1953:

Country	Imports (in Tons)	Exports (in Tons)
USSR	271,062	55,640
Poland	441,761	120,398
Czechoslovakia	81,059	76,839
Hungary	59,807	28,940
Rumania	20,125	3,598
Bulgaria	16,675	1,312
Albania	-	126
China	16,949	8,000
Korea	-	62

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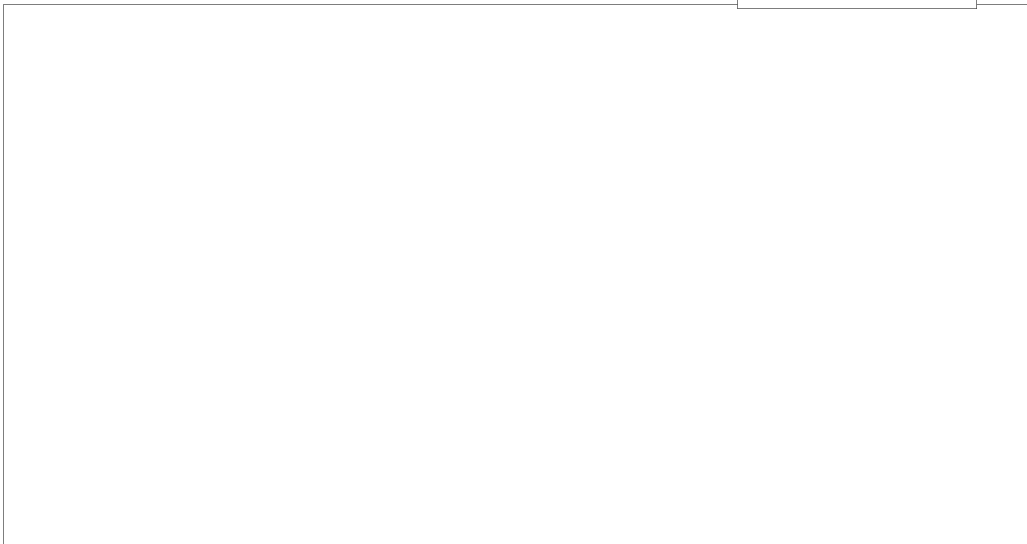
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Note: The figures include shipments by rail and water.

- c. Between 1 September and 31 December 1953, 2 million tons of hard coal and 200,000 tons of steel, including 50,000 tons of rails, are scheduled to be imported for the East German Railroads from Poland. ³ After 1 September 1953, all locomotives in East Germany are scheduled to be fired with hard coal. However, this objective will hardly be reached, as necessary measures were ordered too late by the Railroads Ministry, and the conversion of the dead fire boxes will take time. ⁴ The agreement on coal shipments from Poland had been urged by the Soviets. The deliveries were to start immediately.
- d. According to a resolution of the Council of Ministers, a Central Transport Committee was established, consisting of 6 men, including the Minister of Railroads Chwalek, State Secretary for Motor Traffic and Roads Otto, State Secretary for Shipping Hess, and Deputy Minister of Railroads Kramer. The committee was ordered to hold conferences with the ministers concerned each month to discuss the most appropriate form of shipping goods. Representatives of the Transport Committee named in the districts will act as advisors. ⁵

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2. [redacted] on 10 August 1953, the following numbers of freight cars were available in East Germany:

Operational cars	96,369
Non-operational cars	29,812
including Damaged cars	17,581
Special purpose cars	5,041
(of which for SCC)	(642)
Reserve cars	7,190
(of which for SCC)	(5,717)

Total 126,181

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Reserve cars for the SCC included:

1,970 boxcars
 2,960 gondola cars
 737 flatcars
 50 tank cars

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5,717 cars 6

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1. Comment. The average daily loading performance of the railroads is 25,000 to 30,000 cars. 50X1-HUM
2. Comment. As compared with July 1953, the export and import quotas were increased by 93,350 and 213,500 tons respectively. 50X1-HUM
 was scheduled to be increased to Poland, Imports
 from the USSR increased from 83,000 tons to 271,000 tons, probably in connection
 with the Soviet relief program in the field of food and raw materials. 50X1-HUM
3. Comment. If the information on the shipment of 50,000 tons of rails i.e. about 500 km of trackage of heavy type, is correct the bottleneck in the field of rails would be eliminated in East Germany for the current year. 50X1-HUM
4. Comment. Information on the conversion of locomotives to hard coal firing was received 50X1-HUM
 Two million tons of coal represent about 100 days' requirements and thus are about adequate to East German coal consumption during the four months of delivery. 50X1-HUM
5. Comment. 50X1-HUM
 the establishment of a Council of Traffic with the mission to determine the most appropriate way of shipping goods either by rail, road or water. 50X1-HUM
 It is assumed that the two institutions are identical. 50X1-HUM
6. Comment. On 28 May 1953, a total of 133,812 cars was recorded. 50X1-HUM
 For reasons of fluctuations in the numbers of cars, 50X1-HUM
 The large number of cars reserved for the Soviets is noteworthy. 50X1-HUM

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