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- 1. Since 19 August 1953, the railroad ferry between Sweden and East Germany has again started from Sassnitz. ¹
- 2. [Redacted] a total of about 14,200 boxcars has been converted into troop cars by 22 August. Since 24 August, no boxcars have allegedly been converted into troop cars. The carpentry shop has been ordered to manufacture reserve equipment for troop cars. ²
- 3. In late August, the operational situation in the Halle railroad district was normal. Of the scheduled locomotive reserve of 60 units, only 36 locomotives have been assembled so far. A reserve of 350 to 400 gondola cars has been made available. At present, a reserve of boxcars consisting of four trains of 100 axles each is being assembled. ³
- 4. By order of the Soviet High Commission, the scheduled sugar exports to the USSR must be made by 31 December 1953. This involves the use of an increased number of freight cars for the shipping of beets. Trains needed for the transportation of beets must be made available by 15 September. ³
- 5. In late August, [Redacted] an unusual number of gondola cars had to be made available for dispatch to Poland. On 3 September, 500 such cars were sent to Poland via Horka. ⁴
- 6. In early September, [Redacted] an unusual number of flatcars proceeded through or left the Berlin railroad district for the Magdeburg area via Rathenow. As some railroad lines were jammed, orders were given on 7 September that the trains involved should be directed through the western sectors of Berlin in case it proved necessary.
- 7. On 28 August, the Greifswald regional railroad headquarters received an order from the Ministry of Railroads, according to which all locomotives were to burn hard coal. The appropriate measures were to have been taken by 1 October 1953. The stocks of hard coal [Redacted] have begun to arrive, and work on the conversion of the fire boxes of locomotives has been started. Hard coal stocks available were still rather low. ⁵

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Coal stocks available on 20 August included:

Hard coal	707 tons
Other type hard coal	71,100 tons
Brown-coal briquettes	47,600 tons
Locomotive coal	119,407 tons
Chop coal	22,800 tons (briquette units) 6

1. [Redacted] Comment. Information on the shifting of the railroad ferry connection to Sweden from Warnemunde to Sassnitz was transmitted previously. [Redacted]

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25X1 3. [Redacted] Comment. Information on the establishment of reserves of freight cars was transmitted previously. [Redacted]

25X1 4. [Redacted] Comment. This measure may be connected with increased hard coal imports from Poland. [Redacted]

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25X1 6. [Redacted] Comment. As compared with the last reported status on 15 August, stocks of locomotive coal increased by about 2,000 tons to a total of 119,407 tons. According to the present daily coal consumption quota of 18,200 tons, these stocks represent 6.5 day's requirements. [Redacted]

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