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On 1 October 1953, the Soviet transport officer at the Cottbus railroad district headquarters requested from the railroad district headquarters operational section schedules for four Troop Trains a day to be dispatched to the Frankfurt/Oder and Guben border stations. The trains included a train from Grossenhain to Frankfurt/Oder; another train from Grossenhain to Guben; a third train from Falkenberg to Frankfurt/Oder; and a fourth train from Falkenberg to Guben, and were to be operated via Cottbus according to a fixed daily schedule. From Cottbus, the trains to Guben were to be directed via Forst. On 2 October, the requested schedules were submitted to the Soviet transport officer for the Soviet transportation control headquarters.

the trains would soon be used for repatriation of discharged soldiers. They had not been dispatched until 5 October. Although schedules for the transportation of replacements from the USSR to Germany have not yet been produced, such schedules will be requested soon.

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Comment. The time of the intended movement and the regularity of the schedule as well as the expected converse movement rather safely indicate that the trains will be used as shuttle-trains for the exchange of personnel with the Grossenhain and Falkenberg railroad stations which are to function as transit stations from the Cottbus railroad district to the Dresden railroad district.

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