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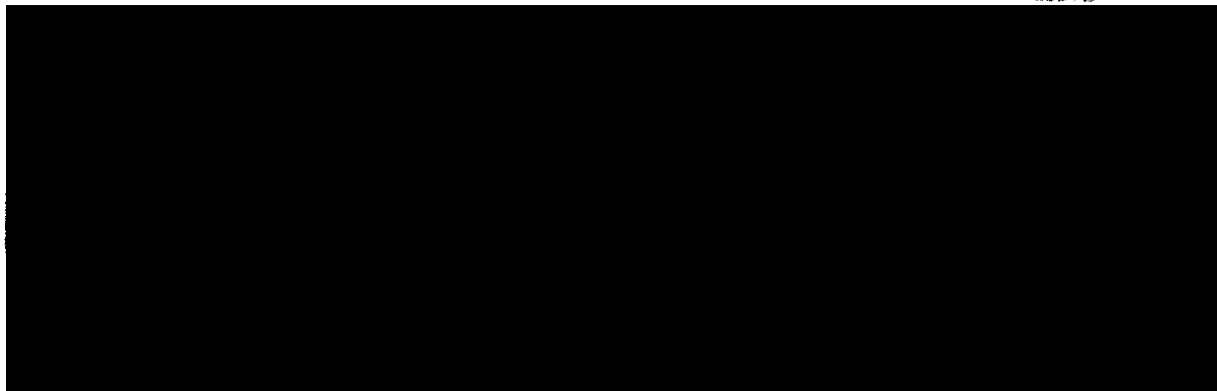
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- 25X1X 1. The SMA has directed that the "Wallenstein-Graben", a twenty-kilometer-long canal from the Schweriner See to Wismar, be developed so that small seagoing vessels can reach Schwerin from the Baltic Sea. When this is completed, a small shipbuilding yard will be built in Schwerin.
2. In spite of widely promulgated plans to improve the system and service in the Soviet Zone, little has been accomplished to date. The plan includes the restoring of the double-track lines between Berlin and Halle, and between Berlin and Leipzig. A few short stretches have been restored to double track. The locomotive situation has been somewhat improved, which has resulted in a marked change for the better in maintaining time schedules.
3. The Berlin-Marienborn line is in operating condition. It is as serviceable as most other lines in the Soviet Zone, and local trains continue to run to a point three miles from the zonal border. There are also acceptable alternate routes in the same direction capable of carrying traffic between Berlin and West Germany.

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