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i. During the month of October 1948, the following eastbound transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder:

No. of Trains	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
4	159	Cellulose*
2	74	Textiles and cellulose*
84	3,450	Unspecified
3	126	Canned and dehydrated food*
3	136	Leather goods and textiles*
2	96	Glassware and chinaware*
1	40	Cement machines and lumber
7	273	Lumber
4	162	Iron masts, beams, and bridge parts
11	306	Men returning from furlough, approx. 3,600
2	93	Cement and construction material
2	82	Boxes of unspecified content, resembling previous shipments suspected of containing fighter planes
5	190	RR tank cars, guarded
5	188	Machine parts, crated
1	41	Dismantled factory equipment
3	119	Boxes of unspecified content
1	39	Motorboats, new
3	129	German automobiles, new
1	44	Cement-mixing and construction machines
2	76	Small RR cars, new
2	76	Large flatcars, new, for narrow-gauge RR
1	40	Narrow-gauge locomotive and flatcars
1	40	Agricultural equipment
1	37	Soap products*
3	183	RR tracks and iron masts

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<u>No. of Trains</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
2	80	Construction wood and barracks parts
1	37	Hoists and cable drums
1	44	Cable drums and boxes of unspecified content
1	42	Large new freight cars with Russian inscription (Russian gauge)

*Transports marked by an asterisk consisted of closed cars whose contents are given only in so far as they could be reliably determined.

2. During October 1948, 126 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany. In addition, the following westbound transports were observed moving through Frankfurt/Oder:

<u>No. of Trains</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
2	51	Tank cars loaded with sunflower oil (contents verified)
2	70	Large iron pipes
4	149	RR tank cars, sealed, contents registered as "oil from USSR"*
12	468	Prisoners of war, approx. 13,700 men
1*	337	Military personnel returning from furlough in Russia, approx. 9,700 men

*German customs agents, in the presence of source, opened a few cars marked "oil from USSR" to which they had been directed by Russian personnel accompanying the trains. Though the cars in question actually contained sunflower oil, German customs agents doubt that this was true of all the cars. At the present time, such oil can be bought in small quantities in Frankfurt/Oder from customs agents and station police.

Since 1 October 1948, the number of military personnel traveling to the west has far exceeded the number of men going to Russia. This, according to Russian soldiers, is due to the fact that all furloughs for members of the Russian occupation force were cancelled beginning 1 October.

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Comment: It is not certain that all trains passing through Frankfurt are represented in this report, although the majority of them are included.)

3. During October 1948, the following transports passed through Kuestrin-Kietz bound for Insterburg (except where otherwise indicated):

<u>No. of Trains</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
3	155	Timber for mines	
17	904	Scrap iron	
7	360	Cement	
7	366	Lumber	
2	105	Construction wood	
1	54	Coal	
3	169	Coal	Koenigsberg
1	52	Grain	

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<u>No. of Trains</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
8	423	German refugees from East Prussia	Posewalk
1	40	Light guns, approx. 150, with crews	
1	39	Artillery munitions, accompanied by guards	
3	143	Machines and machine parts, old	
1	52	RR tracks	

4. During the month of October, 37 empty trains returned from the east and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany.
5. During October 1948, the following transports bound for Frankfurt/Oder passed through Zossen:

<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
28	Dismantled material from Leuna
24	Construction wood and machines
32	Timber for mines and construction wood
55	Plaster
29	Barracks parts
32	Prefabricated wooden houses
38	Timber and construction wood
28	Potatoes
32	Grain
25	50 automobiles, new
18	Paints and lacquer

6. In addition, the following transports of interest passed through Zossen to destinations indicated:

<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>
28	Armored reconnaissance cars, approx. 40	Wuensdorf	Stargard
18	Heavy mortars, approx. 60, with crew	Magdeburg	Wuensdorf
6	Lead bottles containing chemical poisonous matter		Berlin
28	Multiple rocket launchers, approx. 30	Fuerstenwalde	Wuensdorf
32	Motorized signal detachment	Luckau	Bernau
32	German policemen, young, approx. 500 men	Stratsberg	Dresden
32	Members of German Volkspolizei, approx. 800 men*	Rathenow	Wuensdorf
20	German policemen, young	Oranienburg	Dresden
22	Members of German Volkspolizei	Berlin	Torgau
18	Members of Volkspolizei, approx. 140 men	Berlin	Wuensdorf
18	Radio detachment with transmitter station	Luckau	Bernau
18	Airplane tires	Rangsdorf	Klotzsche
10	Tires for airplanes and trucks	Merseburg	Rangsdorf
17	Shells, old	Kurversdorf	Riesa
25	Chemicals in barrels	Dresden	Berlin
14	Explosives	Finsterwalde	Rangsdorf
18	16 light antiaircraft guns with troops	Potsdam	Wuensdorf

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<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>
23	Munitions	Kummersdorf	Riesa
101	Gasoline	Leuna	Rangsdorf
22	Young infantry troops with rifles	Wuensdorf	Steaken
18	30 Russian machine guns and crew	Wuensdorf	Steaken
22	Signal detachment with equipment	Wuensdorf	Doebritz
14	Single-engined airplanes	Rangsdorf	Klotzsche
10	Twin-engined planes	Rangsdorf	Klotzsche
14	8 jet planes without motors	Dessau	Rangsdorf
14	High explosives, accompanied by special guards	Radebeul	Rangsdorf
18	Airplanes	Klotzsche	Rangsdorf
18	Light mortar detachment	Wuensdorf	Doebritz
9	Liquid chemicals	Radebeul	Berlin
30	Heavy mortars with crews	Potsdam	Wuensdorf
20	Civilian German internees	Orenienburg	Dresden
16	Parts for ship construction	Torgau	Greifswald
12	Heavy shafts for construction of ships	Torgau	Stralsund
24	Young recruits going on maneuvers	Potsdam	Wuensdorf
8	6 jet planes	Klotzsche	Rangsdorf
4	Precision instruments from AEG	Koepenick	Aue
22	Infantry troops, young, equipped with rifles & sighting mechanism	Stendal	Wuensdorf

*Source was told by members of the Volkspolizei units, traveling in civilian clothes, that they were on their way to a training course which would last four weeks and in which they would receive instruction in the firing of rifles. The men mentioned that similar units were being set up in the entire Soviet zone of Germany for the purpose of suppressing any riots or disturbances which might break out.

7. Between 1 and 5, and 17 and 31 October 1948 (reports not available for the period 6-16 October), the following transports passed through Elsterwerda on their way to Forst:

<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
27	Russian soldiers belonging to the different branches of the service, ages 30 - 40 years
21	Machine tools, new
16	Boiler plants
6	Parts for turbines

8. In addition, the following transports of interest passed through Elsterwerda between 1 and 5 October and 17 and 31 October 1948 to points indicated below:

<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
2	Light anti-aircraft detachment	Fulsnitz
18	Conscripted laborers for mining operations	Aue
22	Gasoline	Radebeul
28	Young infantry troops, approx. 500 men	Bernburg
15	Artillery detachment with 12 motorized field guns	Pirna

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<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
12	Steel mine cases	Finsterwalde
18	30 single-engined fighter planes	Klotzsche
12	Engineer equipment	Dresden
6	Motorcycles, approx. 50	Berlin
10	Infantry munitions	Altenburg
30	20 antiaircraft guns, caliber 100 mm, with crews	Bautzen
18	Signal detachment with equipment	Bautzen
14	Glider pilots, young (glider school)	Radebeul
18	Infantry troops, approx. 150 men, equipped with light mortars	Wittenberge
28	Troop transport, consisting of about 1,000 Mongolian infantry- men, coming from Goerlitz	Senftenberg
32	Troop transport, consisting of about 1,500 Caucasian infantry- men, coming from Leipzig	Hoyerswerda
18	Light antisircraft detachment	Klotzsche
32	Infantry troops, approx. 800 men, equipped with Russian machine guns	Radebeul
32	German police in uniform, approx. 700 men	Firna
8	Specialized fittings for RR engines	Goerlitz
22	Light antisircraft detachment	Radebeul
32	Light mortar detachment	Weimar
28	28 light tanks and guards	Klotzsche
28	Gasoline	Klotzsche
20	Gasoline	Rangsdorf
22	Timber for mines	Hartha
22	Gasoline	Rangsdorf
8	6 jet planes	Rangsdorf
28	Members of Volkspolizei, in uniform, approx. 600 men	Elsterwerda
10	Airplanes, repaired, from Rangsdorf	Klotzsche
14	Gasoline	Berlin
16	Explosives	Finsterwalde
12	Spare parts for airplanes	Klotzsche

9. The railroad Direktionen in Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt, intent on increasing the station police, have arranged for the medical examination of RR personnel. The selected men are sent to Eisenberg and receive training in handling the 42 rifle, Soviet machine guns, and long-barreled guns. They receive 200 marks for the period of four weeks, in addition to free board and lodging.
10. German civilians reported that the village of Eisenberg near Klotzsche has been closed off and that the area is well guarded. It is said that large gasoline depots are being set up in the nearby hills, which would explain the many timber deliveries to this area.

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