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a. Status and location of columns:

- (1) Column No 2 in Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) continues to operate and will be merged with Locomotive Columns Nos 4,5 and 8 into a group comprising 100 to 120 locomotives. This group will handle trains as far as the Soviet border. (1)
- (2) The deactivation of Column No 3 in Berlin-Pankow was completed by 1 September 1950. After being prepared for storage the locomotives of this column are kept cold near Ruednitz (N 53/Z 97) Marshaling Yard. They are guarded by a detail of 11 men. (2)
- (3) Column No 5 in Frankfurt/Oder continues to operate. (1)
- (4) The deactivation of Column No 7 in Berlin-Karlshorst was completed by 1 September 1950. Its locomotives are being kept cold and guarded near Deeskow (N 53/V 41) and Storkow (N 53/V 22). They are guarded by a detail of 11 men. (3)
- (5) Locomotive Column No 8 in Frankfurt/Oder continues to operate. (1)
- (6) Column No 10 in Cottbus (N 52/A 57) and Column No 11 in Hoyerswerda (N 52/A 53) continue operating with 30 locomotives each. They operate as far as the Soviet border in the direction of Kovel. (4)
- (7) Column No 13 in Seddin (N 53/Z 52) is scheduled for deactivation during September. The first steps have already been taken. (5)

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- b. Column No 7 reportedly is to be reactivated in Dresden. It is to operate into Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Hungary. The date of the scheduled reactivation is not known. (6)

- c. Office P 17, the official designation for the central locomotive column dispatch office in Berlin, will be closed and transferred to Frankfurt/Oder. (7)

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- d. Railroadmen from Berlin are not considered desirable for these columns but they were free to volunteer for transfer to Frankfurt/Oder. (8)
- e. All the locomotives to be kept cold were thoroughly oiled and overhauled. They could be ready for use in one or two days. Only the two connecting rods were dismantled and they can be refitted in about three hours. (9)
- f. After the overhauling was completed the personnel of the deactivated locomotive columns who were from Berlin or Dresden were allowed to return to their previous railroad offices but have to be ready for duty on call. (8) In case they were not available a substitute had to be made available within three days.
2. Locomotive Column No 3 in Berlin-Pankow was deactivated on 2 September 1950. Its personnel was assigned to the Pankow railroad shop. The locomotives are being kept cold in Pankow, but their transfer to another railroad station is planned. (2)
3. Six locomotives of Locomotive Column No 12, comprising type 50 and 52 locomotives, left Angermuende (N 54/Q 20) headed for Strasburg at 6:30 p.m. on 3 August 1950. (10).
4. A long-range operations office Southeast (German abbreviation: Dre Fern Bw Suedost) with 50 locomotives is to be established in Dresden on 1 September 1950. It will handle railroad traffic with the people's democracies in Southeastern Europe within the framework of concluded trade agreements. (11)
5. Column No 4 of the Berlin regional railroad headquarters was deactivated on 12 August 1950. Railroadmen from Berlin were transferred to their previous places of work. However, the column will be reactivated and transferred to Frankfurt/Oder. Railroadmen from Berlin will not be employed in this column. It is believed that only Communist-line railroadmen will be accepted. (12)

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