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[Redacted]

1. By order of the Soviet transportation headquarters in Greifswald, dated early May 1952, 60 transit-worthy Cn-type freight cars must be dispatched daily to Frankfurt/Oder. (1) 50X1-HUM

2. [Redacted] 18 S5y-type flatcars had to be dispatched to Frankfurt/Oder on 6 May. (2)

3. [Redacted] 20 S5y-type flatcars were dispatched to Brest Litovsk on 7 May 1952 in order to pick up electric locomotives. (2) 50X1-HUM

4. A special shuttle train consisting of experimental 6-axle cars with a load capacity of more than 50 tons has been stationed in Kirchmoeser. The train must only be employed by order of the Directorat General, Railroads, Berlin. [Redacted]

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5. [Redacted] the Bernau, Oranienburg and Teltow railroad stations had to be cleared of the damaged cars parked there. This measure is connected with the closing of the Anhalter and Stettiner railroad stations in Berlin. It has been taken in order to provide space for the 50X1-HUM passenger trains rerouted through the railroad stations mentioned. (4)

6. On 18 May, the Berlin-Wannsee railroad station was closed for long distance traffic. This traffic will be rerouted to the rail circuit around Berlin.

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7. [redacted] during the month of April 1952, 3,617 gondola cars, 351 flatcars of all types, 219 refrigerator cars and 4,307 boxcars were dispatched to the U.S.S.R. (5) During the same month, a total of 15 trains consisting of 50 cars of uranium ore each were dispatched to the U.S.S.R. (6)
8. In early May 1952, [redacted] in the third subdistrict of the Berlin railroad district the existence of a new type flatcar. The car is a 6-axle flatcar with side supports and a load capacity of 80 tons, has the type designation Kryz [redacted]. The car was en route from Kirchmoosser to Gruens/Kloster Linna and carried a tank covered with a tarpaulin. (3)

Comments.

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- (1) One-type cars are gondola cars with a load capacity of 20 tons and side walls higher than 40cm. These cars were possibly to be used for the shipment of motor vehicles from the U.S.S.R. Gondola cars loaded with vehicles were observed passing through Frankfurt/Oder. 50X1-HUM
- (2) The two statements in paragraphs 2 and 3 made [redacted] may refer to one and the same shipment. The cars were probably to be used for the transfer of former German electric locomotives from the U.S.S.R. as arranged by Erwin Kramer, Director General, Railroads, Berlin, in Moscow. 50X1-HUM
- (3) Information on the new Kryz type of railroad car which may be fitted with a Soviet-gauge [redacted] was transmitted previously. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (4) The railroad stations in West Berlin operated by the Soviet Zone railroad administration were closed for passenger traffic. Since 13 May 1952, when the new summer timetable went into effect, passenger trains only operate to and from railroad stations in the Soviet sector of Berlin. 50X1-HUM
- (5) The bulk of the flatcars was used for the shipment of vehicles, aircraft and artillery pieces. Information on these shipments was included in previous transportation reports on rail traffic through Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] 214 empty refrigerator cars were dispatched to the U.S.S.R. and 198 entered the Soviet Zone loaded with butter, lard and canned meat during the month of April 1952. As compared with the previous months, refrigerator car traffic decreased. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (6) This figure agrees with the previous observed daily average of 0.5 uranium ore trains per day. 50X1-HUM

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