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SUBJECT: Chemical Production at Capacity in Leipzig Area

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1. All plants in the Leipzig area are operating at full capacity. Most of the products are going directly to the USSR and, therefore, are difficult to obtain. However, some polyvinyl chloride has been exported to Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden, etc, and we have tested samples. From these tests we have determined that the product is similar to and equivalent of the polyvinyl chloride produced in World War II.
2. Styrene is produced at Schkopau near capacity, and also polyvinyl chloride. A fair amount of caprolactam type nylon is produced at Wolfen.
3. All styrene is used in the production of synthetic rubber and, therefore, no polystyrene is exported and samples are not available.

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