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1. The Polish railway line between HIRSCHFELDE, site of the brown coal works and LAUBAN /via OSTERITZ/ was double-tracked last year.

2. There are not many freight trains traveling eastward, out of the GDR, via ZITTAU. A daily average of six trains goes to and comes from Czechoslovakia via ZITTAU and WARNSDORF. Each train returns usually within a period of 48 hours. In general the trains carry coal.

3. An average of four trains, loaded with potash, is going from East Germany via EBERSBACH into Czechoslovakia every day.

4. New plans provide for a generous enlargement of the ZITTAU freight yards during 1956 and 1957. This seems to indicate that an increase in traffic via ZITTAU is anticipated.

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