The following three messages from Berlin are quoted for your information.

1. The German Railway Management of Berlin is completing arrangements to route Soviet Zone rail traffic around Western Sector of Berlin. This is on orders of the Soviet Transportation Chief, General Avenin.

   Sources state that the recent Soviet offer to supply elevated railways in the Western Zones with Soviet Zone current was motivated solely by desire to maintain electric railway traffic from Berlin to neighboring towns. Closing of the system in Western Sector would have resulted in the interruption of essential services. Upon the completion of alternate arrangements, the Soviet Zone current may be used to run 2-Jahn (the elevated railway) will be completely turned off, thus leaving Western Sector with the most widely used transportation facility.

2. A usually reliable source reports that the shortage of material, especially steel, from the Western Sector, according to the officials of Soviet 3.0. Rostock of Channel, will be limiting the official of Soviet 3.0. Rostock of Channel, will be limiting the operation there to a string of not relieved by 15 July 1945. Soviet steel is procured by local Soviet-controlled sources, but it is inadequate in quantity and costs four times as much as the steel from the West.

3. The Yugoslav Military Mission is preparing to leave Berlin by air from Gote (airport in British Zone). A member of the mission, named Prast Jr. (also received as Prast), allegedly flew to Hamburg about 1 July 1945 to secure provisionary quarters for the entire mission in the West.

   The Yugoslavs are selling sixteen cars—about half of their Berlin motor pool. Sales are being made through German agents in order to attract as little attention as possible.

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The mission received no favors in currency exchange—only one to ten ratio.

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