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U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
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INTERROGATION NO. 80
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PLACE: TOKIO
DATE: 20 October, 1945.

Division of Origin: Shipping and Rail Transportation

Subject: MANCHURIAN RAILWAY SYSTEM

Personnel Interrogated and background of each:

Mr. MARUO, T. Manager, Transportation, Tokio Branch.

Where interviewed: General Office, Imperial Government Railway

Interrogator: Mr. Ralph P. Russell

Interpreter: Lt. (jg) Val Nolan

Allied Officers Present: Capt R.A. Lightburn
Capt. H. W. D'Dath
Capt. Ralph Aye

Summary:

The legal headquarters of this railroad is in Darien, but actually it is in Hsinking, capital of Manchuria. The railway is headed by Mr. Yamazaki, who reports to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Japanese Government, and the chief of the Kwantung Army.

The road is of standard gauge, double track between Harbin and Darien, Shankaikwana and Antung, Harbin and Botanka, remainder, single track.

The five principal ports in order of their importance are:

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| 1. Darien | 3. Port Arthur | 5. Antung |
| 2. Rashin | 4. Inkoo | |

Coal was exported from Darien and Port Arthur before the war, but due to the submarine blockade, was diverted by rail through Korea to Fusan drastically reducing tonnage reaching Japan.

No operating records of any value were kept in Tokio, but are believed to be available in Hsinking.