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1. According to Police Major Kaempfer, a number of boats under the code name of Forelle (trout) were under construction at the Rosslau shipyard.[1] Three men from a group of Delphin-type vessels were detailed for building information to Ludwigsfelde, where the engines for the PT boats, 2,500 hp Mercedes-type engines, were being built.[2]

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2. In late March 1954, the construction of an experimental light-metal boat for the Sea Police started at the Rosslau shipyard under the code name of Forelle. It was built on a detached site of the shipyard. Only trustworthy workers were selected for this work. They were specially marked in order to distinguish them from other workmen, who were not admitted to this prohibited area. The first boat was scheduled to be completed by 20 December 1954. A total of 30 Forelle-type boats was planned to be built in 1955. Each Forelle-type boat was to have a crew of three.[3]

3. The Forelle-type boat was designed to be a standard-type PT boat rather than a hydrofoil boat, the construction of which was also scheduled to be resumed. The new Forelle-type boat was designed to be a light-metal boat, 27 meters long, 7.5 meters beam, capable of a speed of 48 knots and equipped with two Mercedes-Benz gasoline engines of 2,500 hp each.[4]

4. [redacted] Comment: The code name of Forelle was previously given to wave-binders, which had been built in large numbers by the Yachtwerft Koepenick (Koepenick Yacht-building Yard).

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5. [redacted] Comment: This is the first report on the new construction of Mercedes-Benz gas engines in Ludwigsfelde. The building plan of this engineering plant provided for the construction of 2,500-hp PC engines. It was previously believed that they were Jumo-type engines, but it is now assumed that old Mercedes-type Diesel-engines were undergoing general overhaul there.

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