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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Liaison Staff, OCR

SUBJECT: Status of Soviet-held US  
Lend-Lease Vessels

1. In reply to your request to Chief, Economic Research, ORR, there is attached as enclosure 1. a brief analysis of the present status of the US Lend-Lease vessels.

2. Enclosure 2 is a listing of Lend-Lease vessels in the Cuban trade. Enclosures 3 and 4 are listings of all Lend-Lease vessels held by the USSR as of 20 October 1961 and 6 October 1959 respectively.

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Chief, Economic Research Area, ORR

Enclosures:

1. Subject Status Report
2. Lend-Lease Ships in Cuba Trade
3. Soviet-held Lend-Lease Vessels, 1961
4. Soviet-held Lend-Lease Vessels, 1959

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Enclosure 1

STATUS OF US LEND LEASE VESSELS HELD BY THE USSR  
MID-OCTOBER 1961

As of mid-October 1961, the Soviet Union still held 83 lend-lease vessels totaling 518,161 gross register tons. The majority of these are assigned to conventional Soviet trade routes and some continue to be active in Soviet arms and aid traffic to the Middle East, Iraq, Indonesia and Cuba. Enclosure 2 lists the vessels engaged in Cuban trade.

Of the total of 83 lend-lease vessels in Soviet possession the activities of 17 are not known. These vessels are still listed in enclosure 3 because this office has no information on scrapping or of sinkings and it is believed that some of them may be undergoing capital repairs.

As will be noted in the IBM listing of 1959 a number of vessels could not be located but are now known to be operational. As an example, the VOLKOV could not be located in 1959 but was sighted transiting the Panama Canal in May of 1961 enroute from Havana to the Far East. It was reported that alterations had been made to the superstructure and hatches and that the deck had been strengthened. The observer stated that it appeared to be in good condition. The IVAN POLZUNOV and KOLKHOZNIK are known to have had extensive repairs in Soviet yards.

The previous listing contained 82 ships, however the TBILISI which was reported sunk in 1944 in the Barents Sea was raised and rebuilt. The TBILISI became operational in late 1959 or early 1960.

Enclosure 3 lists the lend-lease vessels held by the Soviet Union, together with the type, gross register tonnage, area of subordination and the date known to be operational.

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Enclosure 2

LEND LEASE SHIPS WHICH HAVE CALLED AT CUBAN PORTS IN 1961

NAME OF VESSEL	MONTH OF CALL
ALEXANDER SUVOROV	MAY
ASKOLD	JANUARY - MAY
JEAN JAURES	MAY
KOLKOZNIK	FEBRUARY
KUBAN	APRIL
PSKOV	FEBRUARY
SUCHAN	APRIL
TBILISI	JANUARY
VOIKOV	MAY
ZYRIANIN	AUGUST

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Enclosure 3

LEND LEASE SHIPS IN POSSESSION OF THE USSR

NAME OF VESSEL	TYPE	GRT	AREA	YEAR BUILT	DATE REPORTED	
					MO	YR
ALEXANDER NEVSKY	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	03-61	
AKADEMIK PAVLOV	CGO	6197	BALTIC	1919	10-61	
ALEXANDER SUVOROV	CGO	7176	BALTIC	1943	09-61	
ABTUN	CGO	5690	BLACK	1919	09-61	
ABKHABAD	CGO	3285	F EAST	1920	-60	
ASKOLD	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943	09-61	
BAKU	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	-60	
BALKHASH	CGO	6806	F EAST	1913	-60	
BELOUSSIA	CGO	6024	BLACK	1918	-60	
BORGINO	CGO	6864	BALTIC	1919	09-59	
BRIANSK II	CGO	7216	F EAST	1944	-60	
CHELIABINSK	CGO	5946		1920		
DEKABRIST	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	04-61	
DESNA	CGO	5804		1920		
DOLINSK	CGO	4638		1902		
EMELIAN PUGACHEV	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	04-61	
EREVAN	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	05-61	
GENERAL PANFILOV	CGO	7216	F EAST	1944	03-61	
GENERAL VATUTIN	CGO	7216		1944		
IZORA	CGO	4007	BLACK	1919	05-61	
IRELINSK	CGO	5505	BLACK	1919	10-61	
ISTRA	CGO	6024	BALTIC	1920	05-61	
IVAN KULIBIN	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	-60	
IVAN POLZUROV	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943	07-61	
IZMAIL	CGO	5651	BLACK	1919	10-61	
JEAN JAURES	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943	10-61	
JOSIF STALIN	VEK	7176	BLACK	1943	10-61	
KAMOMENTS PODOLSK	CGO	7216	F EAST	1944	-60	
KAPITAN SMIRNOV	CGO	4954	F EAST	1913	-60	
<del>KAZAN</del>	CGO	6145	BLACK	1919	10-61	
KAVKAZ	CGO	5586		1918		
KYARKOV	CGO	6170	BALTIC	1918	8-61	
KIEV	CGO	3283	F EAST	1920	-60	
KOLKHOSNIK	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943	10-61	
KRASNOGVARDEETS	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	-60	
KUBAN	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943	10-61	
LERMONTOV	CGO	5599	BLACK	1918	10-61	

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NAME OF VESSEL	TYPE	GRT	AREA	YEAR BUILT	DATE REPORTED	
					MO	YR
LUNACHARSKI	CGO	6066	F EAST	1920		-60
MENDELEEV	CGO	6060	BALTIC	1920	05	-61
MIKHAIL KUTUZOV	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943		-60
MIKHAIL LOMONOSOV	CGO	4636		1902		
MIKLUKHO-MAKLAY	CGO	7216	F EAST	1944		-60
NAKHODKA	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943		9-61
NOGIN	CGO	7003				
NOVGOROD	CGO	4846	F EAST	1920		-60
NOVGROSSISK	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943		9-61
NOVOSIBIRSK	CGO	7371		1919		
ODESSA	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	04	-61
OMSK	CGO	5638		1919		
PEREKOP	CGO	5172		1919		
PETER TCHIAKOVSKY	CGO	6085	F EAST	1919		-60
POLINA OSIPENKO	CGO	3474	F EAST	1920		-60
PROF. LOBACHEVSKY	CGO	5630		1919		
PSKOV	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943	09	-61
RIGA	CGO	4971	F EAST	1919		-60
RODINA	CGO	7216	F EAST	1944		-60
SAMARKAND	CGO	5786		1920		
SARATOV	CGO	4905		1918		
SEVASTOPOL	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943		-60
S. KIROV	CGO	7216	BLACK	1944	10	-61
SOVETSKAYA GAVAN	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943		-60
STALINABAD	CGO	7176	BALTIC	1943	09	-61
STALINORAD	CGO	7216		1944	04	-61
STEFAN BAZIN	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	07	-61
SUCHAN	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	07	-61
SUKHOBA	CGO	7216	BLACK	1944	10	-61
SURIKOV	CGO	5671	BLACK	1919		
TARAS SHEVCHENKO	CGO	5622	BLACK	1919	10	-61
TASHKENT	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943		-60
TCHIGLKOVSKEY	CGO	3457	F EAST	1920		
TIMIRIAZEV	CGO	6094	BLACK	1920		
TOMSK	CGO	5587	BALTIC	1919	07	-61
TONGUI	CGO	7176		1943	10	-60
TSILYHI	CGO	7612	BALTIC	1942	09	-61
VALERIAN KUIBYSHEV	CGO	6403	BALTIC	1919		-60

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NAME OF VESSEL	TYPE	GRT	AREA	YEAR BUILT	DATE REPORTED	
					MO	YR
VALERY CHEKALOV	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943	09	-61
VIBORG	CGO	5356		1919		
VITEBSK	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943		-60
VLADIVOSTOK	CGO	7176	F EAST	1943		-60
VOIKOV	CGO	7176	BALTIC	1943		5-61
VOSTOCK	CGO	5763	BLACK	1919		10-61
VICHAYA PYATILELKA	CGO	5757	BLACK	1919		09-61
ZYRIANIN	CGO	7176	BLACK	1943		09-61

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