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1. There were no improvements made at the 1 Maj Shipyard in Braila from 1950 to October 1954. There were approximately 1,500 people employed in the shipyard which was under the direction of a Soviet engineer assisted by two Rumanian engineers. Fishing boats, tank lighters and launches were built in the shipyard and repairs were made to river going vessels.
2. The average yearly production of fishing boats was 15 to 20. From the middle of 1950 to the end of 1953, 55 to 60 fishing boats were completed. These were all delivered to the USSR. Two Soviet naval engineers received each boat after testing. None were refused but several had to be repaired before they were accepted. During 1954, no fishing boats were built in the 1 Maj Shipyard.
3. The yearly production of tank lighters, 1,000 ton capacity, is seven. These are delivered to the USSR under the same conditions as the fishing boats. In October 1954, two lighters were almost completed and five more were under construction.
4. The launches are smaller than the fishing boats, built of iron, with one powerful diesel motor. They have accommodations for a crew of ten persons. The launches are equipped with radio and two machine guns adaptable for anti-aircraft use. The production of these launches for the Rumanian Marines started in the early days of 1953. Prior to October 1954, ten launches had been delivered and others were under construction.
5. A large number of wooden row boats are built for the Rumanian Navy. They are fitted with a small outboard motor. Production began in early 1954 and prior to October 1954, over 50 such boats had been delivered.
6. Several lighters, tugboats and other river craft were repaired at the shipyard during the time informant worked there. Two Rumanian river monitors were overhauled but no new guns or other armament were added.

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