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1. In the Polish-Russian negotiations about the return of the Soviet port sector to the Poles, the Poles were represented by two commissions, a technical commission and an administrative-financial commission. The technical commission, called into being by a secret circular letter on or about 8 September 1954, was staffed with technicians from the Szczecin port administration. Individuals on the commission were notified individually by a secret letter and were provided with a special pass for the Soviet sector by the Russians. 25X1
2. The Russian commission, headed by two colonels, was composed of uniformed army and navy officers. The Russians also brought along an advisory staff, members of which were experts on cranes, vessels, engines, etc. Some of the Russians came from Swinoujscie and some from Warsaw.
3. Prior to the establishment of the commission, Poles were not allowed to enter the Soviet sector, even when a special reason existed. Only one colonel on the Russian side was authorized to make decisions. Under these circumstances the Poles were unable to orient themselves regarding the sector. The Poles managed, however, with the help of old German documents. Later it turned out that in some cases the Poles were better informed on the port facilities than the Russians.
4. According to the terms of the transfer, the Russians were to submit a list of the physical assets of their port with covering documentation. The Russian list, minus most of the pertinent documents, contained over one thousand items. The Poles were supposed to pay for all the assets left by the Russians, but because of the extremely high prices established, the Poles decided not to take everything. The Polish technical commission selected those items they considered indispensable and submitted their recommendations to the financial commission in Warsaw, which in turn eliminated many items from the list. The commission merely stated that those items eliminated were considered to be "not necessary".

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5. The Poles are unable to state with certainty that the Russians handed over all the equipment in their possession. The Russians may have removed several valuable lathes but on the whole they were eager to get rid of most of the equipment. A small number of medium-type cranes were turned over to the Poles. No vessels of any kind were transferred. The Russians wanted to sell two old tugboats but the Poles refused because of the high price placed on them.
6. The large assets transferred consist of a large warehouse and a number of smaller ones. The large warehouse was in the same condition as when the Germans had it. The Russians made no improvements; there are still some buildings destroyed in the war. The Russians also turned over to the Poles a large hall containing lathes. As a result of the transfer, the Poles obtained huge storage facilities and stores. Without these the Poles were pinched for space. After the transfer this problem no longer causes concern to the Polish port administration.
7. The Russian withdrawal from the port was completed during October 1954 but this fact is still kept secret. The Poles have since been administering this area. In addition, the transfer of the Russian sector at Nabrzeze Chorzowski has been completed. This sector contained a number of workshops and two or three cranes.

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