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1. Management of shipyard :

a. Soviet superintendence of the yard :

Empowered representative and dealing with organizational subjects:
Garnitzky.

Commercial subjects, labor organization, fulfillment of plan target:
Zier.

Procurement of material : Murusin.
Low-voltage current, political problems : Elec. Eng Kostin.
Engine-building engineer : Savyalov.
Shipbuilding engineer : Verich.
Typist (female) : Banlira.

The Soviet superintendence is under the Soviet Ministry for Ocean-
going Ships.

b. German management of the yard :

Commercial manager : Witzig (SED).
Sales manager : Weber. He has probably been dismissed in the mean-
time as he was reproached for doing too much business with the
Western Zones.

Purchase manager : Liebers. His dismissal is also possible. Head
of the technical test station : Breckwoldt. A very active and reckless
man; managed to overcome many difficulties.
Shipbuilding office : Eng Wahl.

c. Political organization of the yard :

Soviet delegate : Kostin.

Trade Union : Daempel.

FDJ (Free German Youth) : Bretzing (SED).

Sphere of work : Political surveillance and political training of
yard personnel, warding off reactionary and capitalistic machinations,
increase of output.

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Close cooperation with the Soviet superintendence of the yard is ensured by the Russian Kostin.

2. Rated output of the yard according to plan :

- a. Rated output of the yard for the first quarter of 1950, fixed by Berlin-Karlshorst, was 3,000,000 German East Marks.
- b. The management of the yard said that the yard was not in a position to meet this target.

3. Work program :

- a. Repair work to merchant vessels.
- b. Repair work to Soviet war vessels.
- c. Conversion of ships.
- d. Drifter building. The construction of drifters is only indirectly under the Wismar Soviet yard superintendence.

4. Dates of completion :

Name	Order No.	As per Navyad order
Tovarishch	300/67 30 December 1949	20 September 1949
Lyuban	300/74 20 January 1950	20 March 1950
Ilya Repin	300/71 10 July 1950	20 April 1950
Primorye	300/47 1 December 1950	1 December 1950
Medveshy	300/73	30 December 1949
Beluga	300/70	20 March 1950
Derbent	300/61	1 April 1950
Pobyeda	300/63	1 July 1950
Violenta	300/75	
Logger 115	301/ 5 30 November 1949	22 October 1949
Logger 113	301/ 9 14 December 1949	6 December 1949
Logger 119	301/10 15 December 1949	10 December 1949

5. Reconditioning work to Pobyeda :

- a. The Soviet passenger vessel Pobyeda (Victory) is due in Wismar

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toward the end of the first quarter of 1950. Extensive preliminary work has been started for this overhaul.

b. The ship displaces 14,000 tons, but draws only three meters. Engines : 8-cylinder Sulzer Diesel engines, two in number.

c. Since 1945 this ship has plied regularly between Odesa and Mexico. On her last passage, she caught fire and sustained heavy damage. Allegedly Pobyeda is to be towed from the Black Sea to Wismar.

6. Reconditioning work to Violenta : The Soviet war vessel Violenta arrived in Wismar on 21 December 1949; she is an ex-German salvage vessel. The ship is guarded by Soviet naval men. Approximate data on the work to be done on the vessel are shown in the estimate of the yard management enclosed in original.

7. Completion of Polyus :

a. The Soviet training ship Polyus is completed and was berthed in the Old Harbor in Wismar on 21 December 1949, after taking on coal.

b. The ship was to leave for Rostock on 23 December 1949 and proceed to the Soviet Union from there.

c. She is the ex-German steamer Messina and was converted to a training ship in Wismar.

d. From the reparations stores of the ex-maltworks, Wismar, and the former furniture store of the car works, Wismar, the ship took aboard among other things :

29 lot : Total weight 16 tons, 99 boxes altogether - 130 sq meters

for: Mashino Import USN
Voentorga
Moscow station
Oktyabrskaya Tovarlaya

31 lot : Weight 111 tons, 633 boxes altogether - 833 sq meters

for: Kosmebeltorga
Moscow station
Kiev trade house.

8. Cost for Aequator and Polyus : The total costs for the work done by the yard on the ships amounted to 1,200,000 German East Marks and exceeds by far the sum granted by the Soviet Reparations Section of Berlin-Karlshorst. The reparations section expects the shipyard to reconsider and reduce the incurred costs.

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9. Hanse-yard, Wismar : [REDACTED] the Hanse-shipyard, Wismar, repaired 90 pontoons for the Soviet military units in December

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1949 which were garrisoned in Fuerstenberg-Mecklenburg, Parchim and Rangsdorf.
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Comment :

- a. The ship repair yard Wismar is, for the first time, noted for repair orders for the Soviet Navy.
- b. The Soviet passenger vessel Pobyeda is the Auxiliary vessel formerly used by the German Navy. It was built in 1928 by the Schichau yard in Danzig and was operating on the Hamburg-Mexico line. Her tonnage was 9,329 GRT and she could carry 320 passengers. If her draught is allegedly only three meters now, as against 4.4 meters before, the ship must necessarily have been considerably lightened after the fire with a view to the intended passage.
- c. The Soviet training ship Polvus is the ex-German steamer Messina which was built in the Neptun yard in Rostock in 1937; her tonnage is 2,192 GRT.
- d. Aequator is a sistership to Polvus, the ex-German steamer Catania.

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