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1. Test runs have been made at Stralsund with the trawler [redacted]. The reversing gear mechanism was reconstructed, and reduction gears built in. The engine made 330 rpm, and 180 rpm through the reduction gear. An attempt was made to use a large propeller, but the static load was too great, so that damage occurred. The reducing gear installation was then reconstructed. A longer screw of smaller diameter is now being installed, and a correspondingly smaller propeller. If the difficulties now being met with can be overcome, the next series of three trawlers will go to the Soviet Union.
2. On 11 February 1952, at Wolgast, a tanker (drifter type) was inspected by the German Ship Registration Board (DSHK). It is only licensed for heavy oils. The installation of the current connections for the echo depth-sounding apparatus was objected to. The tanker is intended for the Soviet Union. It was accompanied on its trial trip by coast guard boats of the Sea Police. The boats are mechanically improved. The speed reached 24.6 knots. The boats are not yet armed.

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