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1. [redacted] the number of workers employed at East German state-owned shipyards was as follows:

VVB VVW	Schiffsbereitungs-, Reparatur- und Neubauwerk, Stralsund	1,100
	Elbwerft, Boizenburg	2,003
	Rosslauer Schiffswerft, Rosslau	2,073
	Staatswerft Rothersee	1,200
	Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann, Brandenburg and Plaue	2,190
	Schiffswerft Uebigau, Dresden-Uebigau	355 (500 [redacted])
	Werft Altwarp	114
	Werft Gehlsdorf	822
	Isolier- und Kältetechnik Rostock	408
	Warnowwerft, Warnowmünde	6,305
	Schiffsreparaturwerft, Wismar	6,725
	Schiffsmontage, Rostock	733
	Claus Engelbrecht Yachtwerft, Berlin-Köpenick	1,590
	Peenewerft, Wolgast	1,800
	Volkswerft Stralsund	4,950

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- 2. The following is the reparations production program of East German shipyards [redacted]:\* 50X1-HUM
  - 16 seiners Staatswerft Rothensee (9)  
Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann, Brandenburg (7)
  - 30 steel cutters Rosslauer Schiffswerft
  - 4 motor freighters (2 x 300 HP) Rosslauer Schiffswerft
  - 31 refrigerated luggers Elbwerft Boizenburg
  - 9 Neptune luggers Rosslauer Schiffswerft
  - 10 Seiner tugs Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann, Brandenburg (7)  
Staatswerft Rothensee (3)  
(5 more Seiner tugs have been planned already [redacted]) 50X1-HUM
  - 10 tankers (lugger type) Rosslauer Schiffswerft (will not be completed [redacted])
  - 6 passenger ships (Type II) Staatswerft Rothensee (reparations [redacted]) 50X1-HUM
  - 6 pontoons for floating cranes Schiffswerft Uetigau
- 3. [redacted] DDR shipyards are to produce four inland water icebreakers for export to Poland. Two of the icebreakers, which are to have 250 HP each, are to be constructed at the Staatswerft Rothensee [redacted] since the steam engines by which they are to be driven are not yet developed. The other two inland water icebreakers, which are to have 500 HP each, will be built at the Rosslauer Schiffswerft. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- 4. [redacted] floating pile drivers valued at 10,000,000 Rubles are to be constructed at the VEB ABUS Kranbau Eberswalde plant. They are to be 30 meters high and are to be equipped with a 6-ton rammer. They will be used primarily for driving 25-ton concrete piles. These pile-drivers are supposed to be able to drive at a 10 degree angle under the pontoons. The cranes will have a reach (Auslage) of 12 meters and will be able to lift 12 tons. According to present estimates, the pontoons will be 25 to 30 meters long. The pile drivers are to be manned by crews of 13 men. 50X1-HUM

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5. The following is the DDR [ ] planned ship production which will be used in East Germany:

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<u>Type of Ship</u>	<u>Construction Firm</u>	<u>Consignee</u>
1 hopper barge, without engines, 100 cubic meter capacity	Staatswerft Rothersee	Energie-Bezirk Nord, Rostock
4 motor lifeboats, 18 m.	Werft Gehlsdorf	Seenotdienst (Sea Rescue Service)
3 tugs (Schubboote) 60 HP	Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann, Brandenburg	Generaldirektion Schifffahrt (GDS)
1 Seagoing bucket dredger, 400 cu. m. capacity. Valued at 2.2 million DME (backlog production [ ])	Rosslauer Schiffswerft	GDS 50X1-HUM
1 light ship (ADLERSGRUND) Valued at 2.8 - 3.2 million DME ([ ] work had to be stopped because of an emergency reparation order for 10 tankers)	Rosslauer Schiffswerft	50X1-HUM
1 buoy layer, 600 tons Valued at 1.4 - 1.8 million DME (will probably be stopped because of reparations orders)	Rosslauer Schiffswerft	GDS
2 seagoing tugs, 500 HP. Valued at 600,000 DME each (backlog production [ ])	Staatswerft Rothersee	GDS 50X1-HUM
1 icebreaker and salvage tug 400 tons, 800-1000 HP. Valued at 1.2 million DME	Rosslauer Schiffswerft	GDS
4 tug boats (Bugsier-Schlepper) 300 HP. Valued at 700,000 DME each	Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann	GDS

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<u>Type of Ship</u>	<u>Construction Firm</u>	<u>Consignee</u>
2 hopper barges, with engines, 300 cu. m. capacity (backlog production <input type="text"/> )	Staatswerft Rothensee	-
1 hopper barge, without engines, 300 cu. m. capacity	Staatswerft Rothensee	-
2 dredgers (Spillschuten) without engines, 300 cu. m. capacity	Staatswerft Rothensee	-
4 motor freighters, 700 tons, 400 HP. Valued at 750,000 DME each.	Staatswerft Rothensee	-
8 "Mass" barges, Amanda type	Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann	-
2 steamer tugs, 300 HP	Staatswerft Rothensee	-
4 dredger tugs, 300 HP <input type="text"/>	Staatswerft Rothensee	-

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6. The following is East German shipyard production  assigned to "Verkehr" (Traffic) that is, for the Seepolizei:

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<u>Type of Ship</u>	<u>Construction Firm</u>
2 fire-fighting boats, 180-200 HP	Werft Gehlsdorf
1 surveying cutter, 24 m. (wood)	?
1 surveying cutter	Rosslauer Schiffswerft
3 seagoing scows, 200 HP	Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann (Brandenburg will farm out order to privately-owned shipyards)

7. The following represents the  DDR planned ship production according to shipyard:

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Claus Engelbrecht Yachtwerft, Berlin-Köpenick

30 composite cutters for reparations

3 tugs, (Bugsierbotte), 60 HP, for the GDS

1 ferry boat, 60 HP

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Claus Engelbrecht Yachtwerft, Berlin-Köpenick (Cont.)

18 launches, 12.3 meters, for the Seepolizei

66 motor launches, 6.75 meters, for the Seepolizei

6 launches, 27 - 55 meters, for the Seepolizei

Production is being started on hulls for coastal patrol boats (KS-Boote), which will then be completely constructed elsewhere, mostly at the Peenewerft.

Volkswerft Stralsund

31 luggers for reparations

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12 trawlers for the Fischkombinat Rostock

3 lighthouse tender control boats for the GDS

2 harbor patrol boats, for export to Poland, Poland is supposed to cancel this order, however.

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6 coastal patrol boats for the Seepolizei.

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They will probably be similar to the former type MRL-1000; in any case, they will be different from those now being produced at the Köpenick and Peenemünde shipyards.

2 coastal patrol boats for the Seepolizei. Formerly called Type MRL-1000, 3000 HP, suitable for mine-sweeping and mine-laying.

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Russian authorities are most anxious that these boats be completed, and work on them takes priority even over reparations order. One thousand tons of materials for the production of these ships was specially imported.

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requires construction of a total of 12 boats of this type.

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Warnowwerft

1 freighter, 9500 tons.

The keel has not yet been laid because of shortages of critical material. Moreover, one 2,500-ton dock is being built; it will later be enlarged by a 4,000 ton dock.\*\*

Schiffsreparaturwerft Wismar

This shipyard is now beginning to construct 950-ton freighters which supposedly will be put out in a series; one and one-fourth ships are supposed to be finished this year.

1 special motor ship, 1500 tons, for the Seepolizei; will be 50 per cent finished this year.

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Peenewerft

This shipyard is building special ships for the Seepolizei; one and one-fourth ships are to be completed [redacted].

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8. Despite all the efforts of the shipyards, shortages of critical materials still occur. Because of these shortages, about one-half the employees of Volkswerft-Stralsund, that is 5,000 employees, had to be laid off with retainer salaries (Wartegeld). Rolling mill products, especially 6-7 mm. plate, are in short supply. From time to time, critical materials are imported from Russia [redacted].

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[redacted] Rolling mill products were recently delivered according to a secret contract [redacted].

It turned out, however, that the products delivered could not be used in the construction of ships. There is also a shortage of copper.

9. All East German shipyards operate at a loss. [redacted] an adverse balance of 1.5 million DME was anticipated. [redacted]

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[redacted] the shipyards had operated at a loss of 18 million DME (investments are not counted in this sum). The three shipyards which construct seagoing ships, Warnemünde, Rismar and Rostock, showed a loss of 15 to 17 million DME [redacted] and

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Volkswerft Stralsund and Köpenick together a loss of 12 to 14 million DME. These high losses are caused by the long periods of inactivity at the shipyards caused by shortage of materials as well as the poor quality of the available material which has time and time again led to complaints about finished ships and made the reconstruction of completed ships necessary. There is a great difference in price between the actual cost of building a ship and the cost fixed for reparations deliveries. As a rule, the reparations cost credited amount to about one-third of the actual production cost. Moreover, the Russians are collecting large sums of money from the fines which shipyards have to pay if they do not meet the target date. The fine amounts to 0.5 per cent of the total cost of the object per day. The Warnemünde and Rismar shipyards each had to pay about 8 million DME in such fines [redacted].

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\* Comment. Lifeboats, sport boats, etc. are omitted in all lists of production figures quoted in this report.

\*\* Comment. The original German sentence reads as follows: "Ausserdem wird an einem 2,500 t-Dock gebaut, das später durch ein 4,000 t-Dock erweitert werden soll."

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