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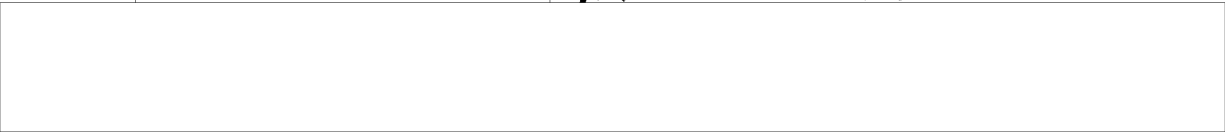
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German Aircraft Developments in the USSR

1. The living conditions of the German technicians in the USSR appear to have been quite reasonable and after the end of rationing the food situation was quite good. The main problem was the exorbitant price of clothes and shoes.
2. Most of those Germans who returned from the USSR were either sick (real or feigned) or persons with whose services the Soviets were able to dispense. Various persons who had held high positions in Germany due to Party influence were quickly recognized as being incompetent and relegated to minor jobs.
3. When the German technicians first arrived at Kimry (56-54N, 37-18E) they had to arrange for the equipping of the various buildings with power, heat, etc.
4. The EF-131 (Ju-287) made two flights from an airfield 150 km distant from the workshops to have a stronger undercarriage fitted. The aircraft also made 14 trips to and from the airfield in a dismantled state.

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6. The crew position on the EF-131 was completely redesigned. Development work on the remote-controlled armament was continued in a Ju-388. Three variants were prepared: bomber, long-range reconnaissance, and an unknown version. The long-range version had a large fuel tank in the bomb bay. The planned weights were fairly accurately achieved. The top speed was 940 km per hour. The armament in particular was often changed because of non-delivery of guns.
 7. In the light of experience gained with the EF-131 a new aircraft, the 150, was started. It is believed to be larger than the EF-131. It is not known whether or not the 150 has flown as yet.
 8. Working conditions are poor, and there is a general lack of equipment and material, making it difficult to adhere to any timetable when modifications are involved.
 9. The German in charge of all development is named Baade. He went to the Kremlin personally to explain the new 150 to the Air Minister, while the Soviet in charge at that time, Gen. Abramov, was not invited. The Soviet head changes fairly frequently; Abramov was the fourth. The present (sic) head is on leave, and his successor is expected towards the end of 1950.
 10. The Siebel group from Halle are not considered to have much influence.
 11. The remaining Germans expect to leave Kimry in June 1952.

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