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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Collection Guidance Staff

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Status of Soviet-held US Lend-Lease Vessels

In compliance with your request to the Deputy Director, ORR, I am forwarding herewith the information requested by the Department of State on the present status of merchant vessels obtained by the USSR from the US under Lend-Lease during World War II and currently held by the USSR.

Office of Research and Reports

Attachment:
"Status of Soviet-Held US
Lend-Lease Vessels" with Appendices 1-7
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STATUS OF SOVIET-HELD US LEND-LEASE VESSELS

When World War II ended on 14 August 1945, the USSR had in its custody the following 96 vessels acquired from the US under terms of the Lend-Lease Act: 36 war-built Liberty ships, 48 pre-war dry cargo and passenger-cargo ships, 9 tankers, and 3 tugs. By 31 December 1966 the number of these vessels known to be still active in the merchant and fishing fleets of the USSR had decreased to 48. The table below explains this decrease:

	<u>War-built Liberty ships</u>	<u>Pre-war Dry and Passenger-cargo</u>	<u>Tankers</u>	<u>Tugs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total in Soviet Custody, 14 August 1945	36	48	9	3	96
Returned to the US 1/		1	7		8
Presumed Sunk 2/	1	1			2
Sunk 3/		1	1		2
Converted 4/		4			4
Scrapped 5/		12	1		13
Presumed Scrapped or otherwise Retired 6/		16			16
Status Unknown 7/				3	3
In Active Service, 31 December 1966	35 8/	13 9/			48

1. During March, 1948, the pre-war dry cargo ship Lev Tolstoy and 7 war-built tankers were returned.
2. The Liberty ship General Vatutin and the pre-war dry cargo ship Tobol were both apparently lost in 1946 or 1947.
3. The T-2 tanker Donbass IV was sunk sometime between VJ Day and March, 1948 and the pre-war dry cargo ship Tallin in May 1947.
4. Prior to 1962 the pre-war passenger-cargo ship Mikhail Lomonosov and the pre-war dry cargo ships Istra (formerly Evoy), Saratov, and Basarband were withdrawn from transportation service and converted for use in parts for lodging and similar purposes.
5. See Appendix 1.
6. See Appendix 2, includes vessels on which there has been no reporting for two or more years, all of which are at least 47 years old, and many of which carry names that have been given to new ships in the Soviet merchant fleet during recent years.
7. The status of the pre-war tug Khabalot and the war-built tugs Burevestnik and Albatross is not known.

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8. See Appendix 3 for names and descriptions of the ships.
9. See Appendix 4 for names and descriptions of the ships.

Of the 48 Lend-Lease merchant ships known to be currently active under the Soviet flag, 4 are assigned to the fishing fleet for use as base or supply ships and 44 are assigned to various steamship companies of the Ministry of the Maritime Fleet. (See Appendices 3 and 4.) During 1965 and 1966, 21 of the Lend-Lease ships of the maritime fleet (most of them Liberty ships) made a total of 34 calls at Cuban and North Vietnamese ports. (See Appendices 5 and 6.)

	<u>Calls at Cuban Ports</u>	<u>Calls at North Vietnamese Ports</u>	<u>Total</u>
1965	21	nil	21
1966	7	6	13
Total	<u>28</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>34</u>

There is no evidence that any of these ships carried military cargoes.

SHIP NAME	TYPE	YR	GROSS	DDWT	LNCH	BEM	DR	HL	FT	SPD	NMPAS	BL	CALL
DOLINSK EX URAL	001	02	04638										US
IOSIF STALIN	002	21	06880	0114	0447	059	28		13	090			US UOXG
IRKUTSK	001	19	05914	0085	0427	054	24		03	090			US UURM
IZHORA	001	19	04007	0054	0345	046	23		24	092			US UPER
LERMONTOV	001	18	06057	0084	0424	054	24		03	090			US UUDO
LUGA	001												US
LUNACHARSKIY	001	20	06066	0094	0417	053	28		23	100			US
OMSK	001	19	05638	0086	0427	054	24		23	080			US UURL
PEREKOP	001	19	05172	0080	0401	054	25	31	24	100			US URBL
PROFESSOR LOBACHEVSKIY	001	19	05630	0089	0427	054	25		01	100			US URBT
TARAS SHEVCHENKO	001	19	06010	0086	0427	054	24		03	102			US UJOR
TOMSK	001	19	05557	0085	0427	054	24		03	102			US URBE
VOSTOK	001	19	05763	0088	0427	054	24	33	23	102			US UNGO
		13	67332	945									

* See Appendix 7 for description of column headings.

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APPENDIX 2
 SHIPS PRESUMED SCRAPPED OR OTHERWISE
 REMOVED FROM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

SHIP NAME	TYPE	YR	GROSS	DDWT	LNCH	REM	DR	HL	ET	SPD	NWPAS	BL	CALL
ARGUN	001	19	06021	0087	0427	054	24	31	23	090			US UJCE
ASHKHABAD	001	20	03285	0055	0336	046	23		24	090			US
BELORUSSIYA	001	18	06042	0083	0427	054	24		23	090			US WBRP
BORODINO	001	19	06864	0100	0424	054	27		03	112			US
CHELYABINSK	001	20	05946	0084	0418	054	25		03	090			US
KIYEV	001	20	03283	0054	0336	046	23		24	100			US UOWZ
NOGIN	001	19	07003	0102	0424	054	28		23	090			US
NOVGOROD	001	20	04846	0077	0396	053	24		03	110			US URFB
NOVOSIBIRSK	001	19	07371	0104	0450	058	27	36	03	090			US URBA
POLINA OSIPENKO	001	20	03474	0051	0333	046	22		04	090			US UVLV
RIGA	001	19	04971	0077	0401	054	25	31	24	090			US UVRG
SURIKOV	001	19	05671	0089	0418	054	26		24	102			US UVRD
TSIOLKOVSKIY	001	20	03475	0051	0333	046	22		04	092			US UPOF
TIMIRYAZEV	001	20	06094	0096	0418	053	26		03	080			US URBO
VYBORG	001	18	02343	0031	0303	040	19		01	090			UK UNGH
ZYRYANIN	001	12	06476	0102	0429	054	30	38	03	113			US UOVD
		16	83165	1243									

SHIP NAME	TYPE	YR	GROSS	DDWT	LNCH	BEM	DR	HL	FT	SPD	NMPAS	BL	CALL	BASE
ALEKSANDR NEVSKIY	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUMH	YAR EAST
ALEKSANDR SUVOROV	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	110			US UUMF	BLACK
ASKOLD	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28						US UUMR	BALTIMC
BAKU	001	43	07246	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUNV	YAR EAST
BRYANSK	005	44	07216	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UVMW	YAR EAST
DEKABRIST	001	43	07202	0106	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UOML	YAR EAST
DUSHANBE	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUNU	ARCTIC
GENERAL PANFILOV	001	44	07216	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUOM	YAR EAST
IVAN KULIBIN	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUNY	YAR EAST
IVAN POLZUNOV	001	43	07176	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UVMR	BALTIMC
KAMENETS PODOLSK	001	44	07216	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UNZW	YAR EAST
KOLKHOZNIK	001	43	07148	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UPLF	BALTIMC
KRASNOGVARDEYETS	001	43	07148	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UOJC	YAR EAST
KUBAN	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UOVY	BALTIMC
MIKHAIL KUTUZOV	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUMG	YAR EAST
MIKHKO MAKLAY	001	44	07235	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UOVV	YAR EAST
NAKHODKA	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUMQ	YAR EAST
NOVOROSSYTSK	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UOJG	YAR EAST
ODESSA	001	43	07177	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUML	YAR EAST
PSKOV	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UVMV	BALTIMC
RODINA	001	44	07216	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UVGZ	YAR EAST
SEVASTOPOL	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UOJE	BALTIMC
SOVETSKAYA GAVAN	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUMP	BALTIMC
STEPAN RAZIN	001	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100			US UUMK	YAR EAST

SHIP NAME	TYPE	YR	GROSS	DDWT	LNCH	BEM	DR	HL	FT	SPD	NMPAS	BL	CALL	BASE
SUCHAN	001	43	07176	0106	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UOFZ	PAR EAST
SUKHONA	001	44	07212	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UPCW	BLACK
TUNGUS (FISHING VESSEL)	001	43	07194	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UOEU	BALTIC
UELEN	001	43	07228	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UOIN	PAR EAST
VALERIY CHKALOV	001	43	07176	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UUMI	PAR EAST
VITEBSK	005	43	07176	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UUMN	PAR EAST
VOLGOGRAD	001	44	07216	0105	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UUKX	PAR EAST
VOYKOV	001	43	07247	0106	0442	057	28	35	04	110		US	UNHW	PAR EAST
YEMEL'YAN PUGACHEV	001	43	07202	0104	0442	057	28	35	04	110		US	UUMJ	PAR EAST
YEREVAN	001	43	07176	0108	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UUNT	PAR EAST
ZHAN ZHORES	001	43	07176	0106	0442	057	28	35	04	100		US	UOBL	BLACK
		35	251663		3665									

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SHIP NAME	TYPE	YR	GROSS	DWMT	LNCH	BEM	DR	HL	FT	SPD	NMPAS	BL	CALL	BASE
AKADEMIK PAVLOV	001	19	06587	0099	0412	055	27		23	090				US URBP BALDTC
BALKHASH	005	13	06806	0084	0440	054	27		13	120	00100	US	UOYT	PAR EAST
DESNA (FISHING FLEET)	001	20	05804	0089	0427	054	24		03	100				US PAR EAST
IZMAIL	001	19	06096	0085	0427	054	24		03	090				US UURI BLACK
KAPITAN SMIRNOV	001	13	04954	0095	0420	054	26		03	110				US UURK PAR EAST
KARAGANDA	001	19	06145	0086	0427	054	24		03	090				US URBH BLACK
KAVKAZ (FISHING FLEET)	001	18	05586	0085	0427	054	24		03	100				UR PAR EAST
KHARKOV	001	18	06170	0090	0427	054	25		03	092				US UURD BALDTC
KUYBYSHEV	001	19	06403	0094	0416	055	27		03	090				US UURC PAR EAST
MENDELEYEV	001	20	06060	0089	0418	054	25		24	090				US URBO BALDTC
PETR CHAYKOVSKIY	001	19	06085	0085	0427	054	24	31	03	100				US UURB PAR EAST
TASHKENT	001	14	06450	0090	0429	054	30		03	113				US UOXC PAR EAST
VTORAYA PYATILETKA	001	19	06069	0086	0427	054	24		23	080				US UOYH BLACK
		13	79215	1157										

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APPENDIX 5

Calls by Soviet-held Lend-Lease Ships at Cuban Ports in 1965 and 1966

<u>Name of Ship</u>	<u>Month and Year of Call</u>
ALEXANDER' BUFOROV	May, 1965
ASHOLD	March, 1965, June 1965, November 1965
BAKU	July, 1965
DOZHANSKI	April 1966
EMEL'YAN FUKACHEV	January, 1965, August, 1965
KOLEKHOTNIK	January, 1965, April 1965, December, 1965
KURAN'	February, 1965
MIKHAIL KURUZOV	January, 1965
MARTHOVA	January, 1965
ODESSA	January, 1965, Jul, 1965
PEKOV	February, 1965, June, 1965
RODINA	October, 1965, April, 1966 March, 1966
SEVASTOPOL'	January, 1966, April, 1966
SUCHAN	June, 1966 December, 1965
TRILLET	January, 1966
VOLGOGRAD	January, 1965
ZHAN ZHONES	May, 1965

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APPENDIX 6

Calls by Soviet-held Lend-Lease Ships at
North Vietnamese Ports in 1966*

<u>Name of Ship</u>	<u>Month of Call</u>
BAKU	January
KUZNETSOV	December
STEPAN BAZIN	November
SUCHAN	November
TAMUZENT	June
VORONOV	August

* There were none in 1965.

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APPENDIX 7

Key to IBM Column Headings

<u>Heading</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
TYPE	001 designates dry cargo 002 designates tanker 005 designates passenger-cargo
YR	Year of build
GROSS	Gross register tonnage
DEWT	Deadweight tonnage
LENH	Length overall in feet
BEAM	Beam (extreme width) in feet
DR	Draft in feet while fully loaded
HL	Length of longest hatch
FT	First digit indicates engine type: 0, reciprocating; 1, reciprocating aft; and 2, turbine. Second digit indicates boilers and fuel: 1, coal-burning scotch; 2, coal-burning water-tube; 3, oil-burning scotch; and 4, oil-burning water-tube.
SPD	Speed to the nearest tenth of a knot (100 equals 10.0 knots)
NSPAS	Passenger capacity
BL	Country of build
CALL	International Callsign
BASE	Base of operations in the USSR