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1. Source's ship together with a Swedish ferry, put into the Warnemuende harbor at 7:30 a.m. and docked alongside the warehouse. The Warnemuende harbor zone was fenced-in and could be entered or left only through a police guarded gate. Ships arriving in port were searched by a customs and police commission composed of one VP officer, a Soviet NCO, several VPs and customs officials. The Germans and the Russians were identical uniforms except for the black-red-yellow cockade on the caps of the Germans and the Soviet star on the caps of the Russians. While the ship was being examined, the entire ship's crew had to gather on deck under the supervision of a VP. The Soviet NCO watched the VPs and the customs officials during this examination. West German newspapers and illustrated papers were sealed by the customs officials. Permits authorizing the holders to go ashore only inside the Warnemuende restricted area until 11 p.m. were issued to the crew members upon completion of the searching of the ship and an examination of the passport. The captain of source's ship was not allowed to visit relatives in Rostock. The supervision of the crew was not very effective as several crew members managed to go to Rostock without a permit. They were not halted.
2. The Dutch motor coaster SARAGOSSA at the same time unloaded paper bales, steel cables, salted hides, pipes of various diameters, and sheet iron which, according to the German inscription on the wooden boxes, was 1,600 x 1,800 mm large and 4 mm and 6mm thick. Part of this cargo was unloaded into the warehouse, and part of it was loaded on railroad cars. A VP sentry was on guard in front of the SARAGOSSA.
3. As the Warnemuende shipyard was surrounded by a wooden fence, the shipyard area was blocked from view. Source noticed the hulls of the former Hapag ships HAMBURG and HANSA and the former North German Lloyd steamer Berlin. 1 The noise of pneumatic hammers indicated that work on these ships was in progress day and night. A white painted Soviet passenger steamer named PETER VELIKI according to a Warnemuende resident was in the shipyard. She left port while source's ship was still in Warnemuende. 2

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1. [REDACTED] Comment, The HAMBURG HANSA and BERLIN were given the Soviet names YURI, DOLGORUKI, SOVETSKI SOYUZ and ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The ship PETR VELIKI was renamed YAKUTIA. Her departure was set for 13 October 1952, the Activists' Day.

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