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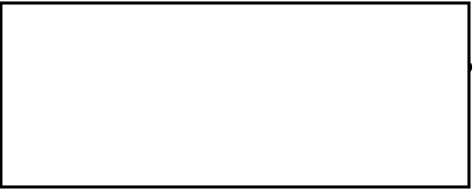
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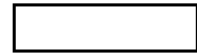
- 25X1 1. The **WALDEMAR KOPHAMEL**, renamed **B 7**, a former German submarine tender, was drydocked in the Neptunwerft (shipyard) in Rostock in October 1952. Nine former **T 731**-class German minesweepers, were in the shipyard for overhaul and repair; three were already completed and made shakedown runs. All were still without armament. Another former German **T 731**-class minesweeper, which had been salvaged, was under general repair.<sup>1</sup>
- 25X1 2. A newly-built 3,000-ton type ship with the Soviet name **KOLOMNA**, was 80 percent completed and was expected to be put into service in December 1952. She was a freighter and was to be equipped with two heavy-lift derricks each of 30 tons capacity. A similar freighter was afloat and being outfitted. Two 3,000-ton freighters were on the slips and were 20 and 10 percent completed. Components for another freighter in the shipbuilding shop were 20 percent completed.
- 25X1 3. Salvage Ship 1 mounted a 50-ton crane and was nearing completion. Salvage Ship 2 was afloat and 60 percent completed. Salvage Ship 3 was on the slips and 30 percent completed. Salvage Ship 4 was 10 percent completed. Numerous structural parts for other salvage ships were in a building shop.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 4. The drifters  of the drifter building section of the shipyard were making shakedown runs  were being outfitted,  were being assembled.
- 25X1 5. The Soviet ship **IRKUT**, formerly the **HARALD SCHROEDER**, was under repair in the Neptun Shipyard and was expected to be delivered in December 1952. There also were the **LATOIS**, a former Latvian vessel, and the **EDITH FAULBAUM**, a former German merchant ship which had floundered with a cargo of raw sugar off Warnemuende in 1943 and was salvaged by the Russians after the war. The **LATOIS** and **EDITH FAULBAUM** had not been given Russian names. The East German ship **VORWAERTS** was scheduled to be in operating condition again on 20 November 1952. The border-police vessels  were also undergoing repair in the shipyard.
- 25X1 1.  Comment. Other information indicated that the **WALDEMAR KOPHAMEL** was marked **B 8**. See . Four of the 12 M-boats seen in the Neptun shipyard in October had shipyard numbers **D 8**, **D 9**, **D 12** and **D 13**.

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 on 30 October.

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Another report stated that a salvage ship was laid down

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