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1. During the week of 18 November 1951, the USIA-controlled firm Waagner-Biro started production on two super-cranes for a Czech factory, location unknown, which is probably manufacturing armor plate. The cranes will have a lifting capacity of 30 tons and magnetic lifting tackle. The scheduled completion date for the cranes is February 1952 and it is possible that a Waagner-Biro erection crew will install the equipment in Czechoslovakia.
2. Several smaller cranes with a lifting capacity of 10 tons each are now under construction for the USSR.\* The cranes were ordered by the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Vienna which is pressing for an early delivery.
3. The USIA-controlled Siemens-Schuckert plant is supplying all electrical equipment for these cranes.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment: Although the original report does not say so specifically, the inference is that these cranes are also produced by Waagner-Biro.

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