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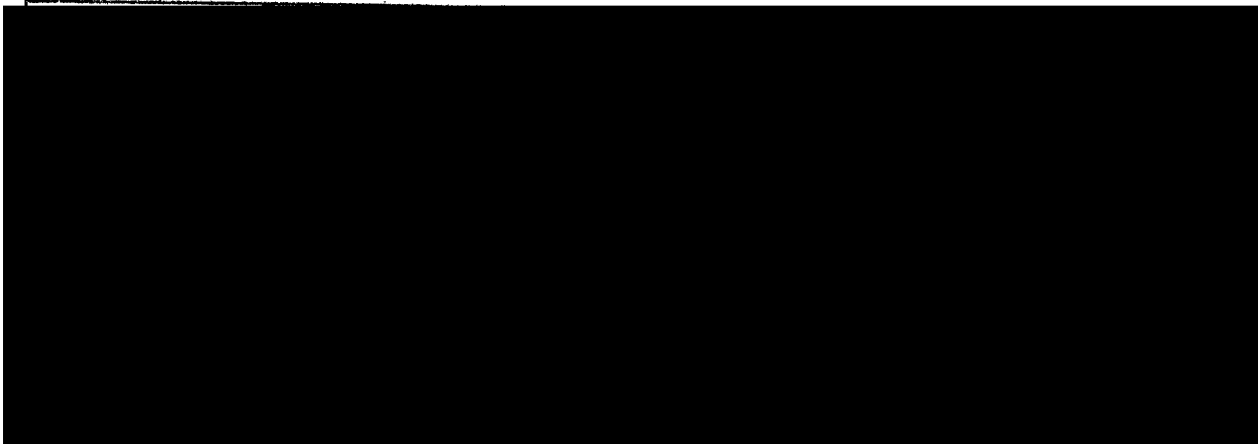
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1. In early August, about 10 Chinese and 10 Soviet technicians arrived at Ch'ongjin High Frequency (Ko Ju Pa) Steel Plant, also known as Kim Chaek Iron Works.<sup>1</sup> Reconstruction in this plant began May 1951 and is expected to be completed by the end of December. This new plant is partly underground and uses machinery assembled from various areas. In August, the plant was producing rails and unidentified large items of machinery; in September, it began production of munitions and doing repair work on tanks and guns. In September, the finished tanks and guns were stored in underground shelters on the west slopes of a mountain near the village of Mokha-ri, north of Chongjin.
2. On 1 October, production began at Wonsan Iron-clad (sic) Shipyard, which is 1/2 kilometers north of Wonsan and 1 1/2 kilometers east of the railroad connecting Wonsan with Togwon (127-23, 39-10) (CU-6036). The plant is built in the form of a crescent in a series of about 20 shelters each about 30 meters long, 20 meters wide, 8 meters high, and sunk in the earth 1/2 feet with sand-bagged walls and a coal tar-covered tin roof. There are 500 skilled workers in the plant under Soviet supervisors. The plant area is heavily guarded by Caucasian troops and encircled by a wire fence, and workers entering and leaving the plant are strictly checked. The exact type of boat being built is unknown but the residents say that it is a high speed torpedo boat.
3. On 15 October, the Kowon Shipyard at Choyang-ni (127-21, 39-28) (CU-5869) began construction of 5 craft, specifications unknown, but believed similar to the Wonsan Shipyard. This shipyard has 3 buildings, 1 tin-roofed and others grass roofed, and houses 300 workers who include 50 technicians and 200 carpenters.

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Comment. It is presumably the former Mitsubishi Iron and Steel Works at Ch'ongjin.

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