

No. 3892

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

Agreement (with annex) on dates and procedures for the return of four subchasers type SC, two subchasers type RPC and fifty-six torpedo boats type PT of the United States Navy received by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics under the Lend-Lease Act. Signed at Washington, on 26 May 1955

Official texts: English and Russian.

Registered by the United States of America on 19 June 1957.

**ÉTATS-UNIS d'AMÉRIQUE
et
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES**

Accord (avec annexe) concernant les dates et les modalités de restitution de quatre chasseurs de sous-marins du type SC, de deux chasseurs de sous-marins du type RPC et de cinquante-six vedettes lance-torpilles du type PT de la marine des États-Unis que l'Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques a reçus en vertu de la loi de prêt-bail. Signé à Washington, le 26 mai 1955

Textes officiels anglais et russe.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 19 juin 1957.

No. 3892. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON DATES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE RETURN OF FOUR SUBCHASERS TYPE SC, TWO SUBCHASERS TYPE RPC AND FIFTY-SIX TORPEDO BOATS TYPE PT OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY RECEIVED BY THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS UNDER THE LEND-LEASE ACT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 26 MAY 1955

1. The return of the vessels to the representatives of the United States will be effected by the Soviet Government using its own crews, not later than September 1, 1955.

2. The vessels will be returned and transferred to the representatives of the United States in the port of Kiel, Germany. They will be delivered during the period 1 July to 1 September, 1955 under their own power, in tow, and on board transports in 4-6 groups of 10-15 vessels in each group. The towing will be effected by vessels (auxiliary) of the naval forces of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Soviet Government shall notify the Department of State of the United States at least 30 days in advance concerning the expected date of arrival of each group and the number and method of delivery of each type of vessel included in a group.

3. The vessels will be returned with their equipment, spare parts and ammunition with the exception of that which has been consumed, destroyed, or lost during the period of the war.

4. The actual transfer of the vessels will be effected by exchange of a deed of delivery and receipt for each vessel (Exhibit A attached hereto²) executed in duplicate both in the English and Russian languages by the Soviet officer delivering the vessel and by the receiving United States officer, one copy of the deed in each language to be retained by each country.

5. Two vessels of the naval forces of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will accompany each group and after transfer of the vessels will take on board in the port of Kiel the crews of these vessels.

¹ Came into force on 26 May 1955 by signature.

² See p. 66 of this volume.

6. The Senior Officer of a group of vessels will make application by radio on international wave lengths to the appropriate German authorities, in the port not less than 24 hours before the expected time of arrival, for definite instructions as to pilotage, anchorage, etc.

7. The following normal procedure will constitute delivery of the vessels :

- (a) Each vessel will proceed to a designated berth and a watch will be maintained by Soviet personnel in order to take such action as may be necessary to provide for the safety of each vessel until it is transferred to the personnel of the United States.
- (b) The Soviet crew will remove personal effects and Soviet property. Boating assistance will be arranged for by the United States if required.
- (c) The United States personnel will begin the reception of each vessel upon arrival at berth. It is understood that the transfer of each group of vessels must be completed within three days after the arrival of the group in the port of Kiel.
- (d) The deed of delivery and receipt of the vessel, equipment and stores, including a statement of abandonment by the Soviet Government of any Soviet property left on board will be executed by the receiving United States officer and the Soviet officer delivering the vessel.
- (e) The Soviet crew will depart the vessel and the United States personnel will assume responsibility.

8. No gun salutes will be given.

9. The transfers will be made in the simplest and most expeditious manner.

10. Payment of charges for pilotage, towing and docking or anchorage at buoy in connection with delivery of vessels shall be borne by the Soviet Government if such charges are incurred before the signing of the deed of delivery and receipt for each vessel. Payment of charges for pilotage, towing and docking or anchorage at buoy incurred after the signing of the deed of delivery and receipt for each vessel shall be borne by the Government of the United States.

11. A representative of the senior United States naval commander present will call upon the senior Soviet officer upon arrival of the vessels. Otherwise all official calls will be considered as having been made and returned.

The present agreement is executed in the English and Russian languages and both texts are equally authentic.

Washington, May 26, 1955.

For the Government of the United States of America :
Thorsten V. KALIJARVI

For the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics :
G. ZARUBIN

EXHIBIT A

DEED OF DELIVERY AND RECEIPT

We, the undersigned, authorized representatives of the Ministry of Defense of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, party of the first part, and of the Department of the Navy of the United States of America, party of the second part, respectively, hereby execute this deed to evidence the fact that the party of the first part has returned and the party of the second part has received and accepted on behalf of the Government of the United States

complete with all machinery, equipment, and stores then on board, all right, title and interest in such machinery, equipment and stores being hereby expressly abandoned by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

This transfer has been accomplished this ____ day of _____ 1955 at Kiel, Germany.

The present deed is executed in the English and Russian languages and both texts are authentic.

Authorized representative
of the Department of the Navy
of the United States of America

Authorized representative
of the Ministry of Defense
of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics