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[Text] Ulyanovsk January 9 TASS — Russian President Yeltsin's working visit to Ulyanovsk began this morning with a tour of the local aircraft building complex, recently reorganised into the "Aviastar" joint-stock society.

3 Yeltsin showed interest in the plant's technical equipment, its efficiency, new development projects, contractual relations with partners, mutually profitable cooperation ventures offered by foreign firms and banks, and, naturally, in the personnel policy, living standards, working

conditions and leisure of aircraft builders.

4 The Russian president was shown the world's first thermoplane, an absolutely new type of flying apparatus, developed at the plant jointly with scientists of the Moscow Aviation Institute. Designers believe thermoplanes, which have the form of "flying saucers" may soon find broad application in various branches of economy and in forbidding areas of the country.

Boris Yeltsin spent an hour and a half talking to managers of the plant. The talk proceeded in camera. (endall) 090832

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