

LEND-LEASE SETTLEMENT: RETURN OF VESSELS

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AGREEMENT ON DATES AND PROCEDURES FOR RETURN OF THREE ICE- BREAKERS AND TWENTY-SEVEN FRIGATES OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY RECEIVED BY THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS UNDER THE LEND-LEASE ACT ¹

1. The return to United States representatives of the vessels will be accomplished by the Soviet Government using its own crews not later than December 1, 1949.

2. The vessels will be returned and transferred to United States representatives, the frigates at the port of Yokosuka, Japan and the icebreakers at the port of Bremerhaven, Germany as follows:

The Frigates in three groups of nine vessels each by November 15, 1949.

The Icebreaker *North Wind* in October; the Icebreakers *South Wind* and *West Wind* in November.

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 hereto) 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. Should the Soviet Government so desire, the Government of the United States will arrange for or provide the Soviet crews with hotel or barrack accommodations and victuals, consistent with their rank or rate for the period

¹ 55 Stat. 31.