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TO : Acting Chief, Geographic Area
THRU : Chief, Geography Division
FROM : Chief, USSR Branch
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DATE: 21 June 1957

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. The statement quoted from Geographic Intelligence Report, CIA/RR-G-15, The Soviet Arctic, page 36, referred to in the above memo, was paraphrased from Navy, CINCLANT. FFL-2/A8-3,003/62, 20 Jan 56, Northwest USSR Area Study, p. 70-20, S/NOFORN.

2. Since the report is a regional geographic study designed to present an overall current account of the Soviet Arctic as a whole, no attempt was made to develop and evaluate in detail each of the subjects discussed.

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3. The analyst, along with [REDACTED] is inclined to be skeptical. However, he feels that the statement "Although strictly a ship repair yard, it is reportedly being developed into a first-class shipyard that may possibly build submarines and destroyers" contains qualification sufficient to prevent its being accepted at this date as more than a report.

4. The inquiry was correctly directed to Captain Sexton, since the evaluation of the report would be within his field of competence.

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