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1. Naval Vessels: On 8 October 1953, [redacted] two Polish minesweepers sweeping
outside Gdynia, on a course approximately due N and S about a mile to the east of
the outer breakwater, from a point bearing approximately 060° T from the French
Tury, on a Southerly course for about 2 miles and back. The minesweepers were
part of the force which is based at Gdynia [redacted]
these vessels were seen in poor light [redacted]

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[redacted] two types of Landing Craft in
Basin B.O. The larger of these types, of which two were observed, was described as
being slightly larger than a USN LST [redacted] The
smaller type, corresponding roughly in size to a USN LSM, [redacted]
[redacted] "several" of these smaller craft [redacted]
[redacted] Three Polish submarines [redacted] were
in Gdynia harbor at the time of this report.

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2. Merchant Vessels: Two small Polish merchant vessels of unknown identity were
seen moored at the coal docks.

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3. Soviet Cruisers In Gulf of Finland: On about 6 October, 1953, three Soviet single-
stack light cruisers were observed proceeding on a westerly course in the Gulf of
Finland. The cruisers were making 10-15 knots and were not in any apparent
formation.

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