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25X1 1. [] nothing definite in regard to operational orders for ships at sea in the event of an emergency. It seems [] that there are no such orders. []
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25X1 2. [] in an emergency, necessary orders would be transmitted by wireless telegraph. All Polish ships at sea, including the BATORY, are in constant contact with the station SPG-2 in Gdynia. []
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25X1 the [] war can only be started by the USSR and if any plans have been made for such a contingency they are in possession of Russia and not Poland. This applies equally to the problem of the traffic of Polish ships in case of war. [] if the Soviet Union were to start war by surprise, the loss of Polish ships in foreign waters at the moment of attack would be treated as of little consequence.
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25X1 3. If the alert system is based only on notices transmitted by radio, a special code must exist for use in case of war, which would not be used in peace time. []
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25X1 [] the political officer might have such a code in his possession, but [] was doubtful about it, because "they are not likely to trust even political officers with such a code." []
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25X1 [] when the BATORY was due to go on the India run, one of the P.L.O. (Polish Ocean Lines) directors, named Gfad¹, told [] during a conversation that he really ought to be given a special code just in case. []
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25X1 [] refused such a code and suggested that it had better be given to the political officer as it would be safer under his care. []
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1. Mieczyslaw Grad is head of the Political Education Office in the Ministry of Shipping at Warsaw. [Redacted] a (fnu) Grad was a UB agent who was permitted to exercise complete control in the Central Administration of the Polish Merchant Marine. It is possible that this is the same person.

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