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1. On 10 June 1953, Soviet Mine-sweepers berthed at the Soviet landing pier in Sassnitz. [Redacted] Six boats were tied up side by side on the south side of the landing pier with their bows pointing toward the pier, while the seventh sweeper was berthed separately at the head of the pier. This boat had raised steam and, source believed, was ready for sea. 25X1

2. A large sea police vessel [Redacted] was in the western ferry berth. [Redacted] she was a sea police training ship. At 1 p.m. on 10 June 1953, about 30 or 40 sea police members left the ship and marched off in the direction of the fishing combine. Gun drill as well as signalling instruction (flag signals and flashing signals) was held aboard the vessel. 25X1

25X1A 1. [Redacted] Comment. This Soviet minesweeper flotilla was observed in Sassnitz for the first time on 11 May 1953. [Redacted] 25X1A

25X1A 2. [Redacted] Comment. This vessel probably was training ship ERNST THIMMANN [Redacted] 25X1

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