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1. [REDACTED] 25X1
No naval units were encountered enroute and none were observed in Odessa, excepting the training ship AMERIGO VESPUCCI (sic) which was berthed in the Pratique Harbor. Although the bay was frozen near the coast, the route designated by Soviet maritime authorities, namely, an approach from the south directed toward a point five miles west of Tandra Bay, was navigable. 25X1

[REDACTED] the radio beacon on Cape Fontan was audible for about 70 miles, while that at Tandra could barely be heard at ten miles. Entry into the harbor took place in convoy, led by the Soviet icebreaker TOROS (international call sign UOVO) and brought up by a patrol vessel. The same procedure was followed upon leaving port. The ship berthed at the quay of Cabotage Harbor near the New Mole.

2. [REDACTED] two passenger ships at the quarantine mole. About ten merchant ships were in port. 25X1

3. In the working harbor [REDACTED] two graving docks, apparently floating drydocks of medium capacity. They were occupied by two Soviet vessels of 4,000 to 5,000 tons which were under repair. 25X1

4. Two berths for loading and unloading fuel have been constructed at the petroleum mole and a third is under construction. (See sketch on page 3). Each berth has ten outlets with diameters varying from five to 20 inches. The Reydovyy Mole, which connects the Vorontsovskiy Pier-head with the radio station, is being rebuilt. At present the masonry just emerges from the water. On the Vorontsovskiy Pier-head a new red brick lighthouse about 15 meters high has been constructed but optical equipment has not yet been installed.

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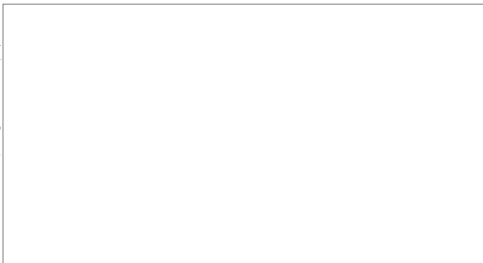
5. Powerful travelling cranes with capacities in excess of six tons operate on tracks on the New Mole and the military mole. Crawler cranes and fork hoists are used to transfer cargo from shipside to the cold storage warehouses across from the Cabotage Harbor quay. Among the floating cranes are a shearleg crane on a metal hull with lifting arms of 50 to 60 ton capacity and about ten mobile cranes on barges. Each crane is mounted on two barges connected by two sturdy squared beams about ten meters long. A bogie on which the cranes are mounted travels along these beams. These cranes seem particularly well suited for raising weights or vessels from the bottom.

6. Since the death of Stalin informant has noticed a friendlier attitude with respect to crews of foreign ships.

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Contrary to previous practice, however, all ship's optical instruments, including binoculars, were placed under seal. The instruments were released prior to departure of the ship from the quay.

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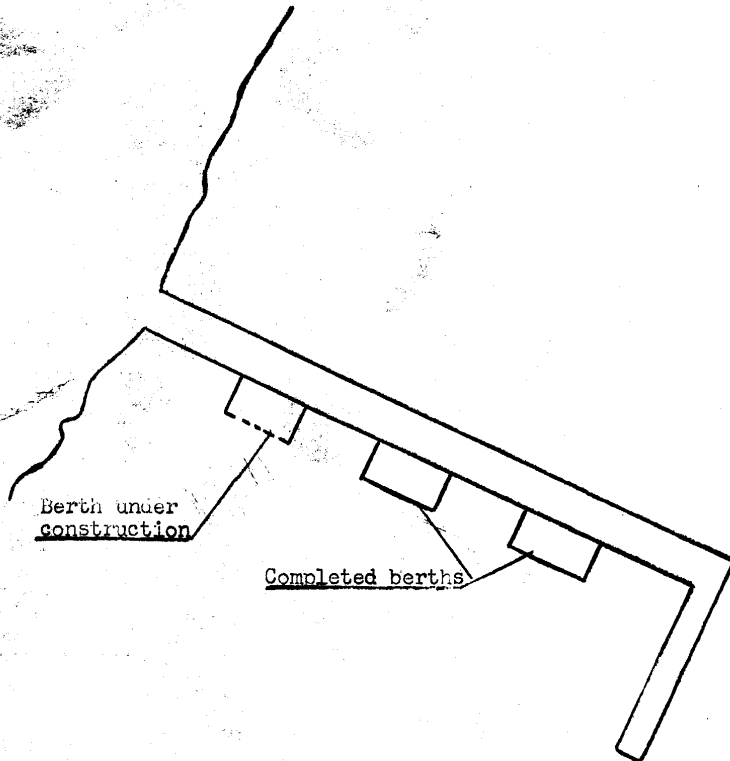
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Sketch of Petroleum Harbor at Odessa



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