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- [REDACTED] ship was berthed at the Andreasholm Quay in Riga in January 1954; the ship was berthed near the grain elevator at the approximate position N 56-58-12, E 24-05-30. No foreign ships were observed in the area. The old grain elevator, which was 120 meters long, was four stories high. [REDACTED] the grain elevator could hold approximately 12,000 tons. Its mechanical equipment, as well as its conveyers and four scales, were in good condition. The river bank sloped down in the vicinity of the grain elevator, and loading chutes were put out to the ships. (See Sketch No. 1 of Riga Harbor). 25X1
- On the export wharf, there were four modern cranes, with a lifting capacity of 7,500 kilograms. There were also 12 ordinary loading cranes and four ordinary turning-cranes. [REDACTED] The wharf was modern in design and was equipped with spur tracks and modern storage facilities. Four Soviet ships and one French ship were loading at the export wharf. 25X1
- [REDACTED] an old floating crane, with a lifting capacity of 25 or 30 tons, near the grain elevator. The coal bunkering station was located upstream on the opposite side of the river from the export wharf. No oil storage facilities were observed, but a lumber storage area was observed on the left side of the harbor entrance, at N 57-01-48, E 24-06-00. 25X1
- A fishing harbor was located next to the lumber storage area. There was a small wharf in the harbor, [REDACTED] 28 yellow-painted fishing boats of the most modern type and 57 motor cutters. Four fishing boats were observed on the ways. 25X1
- There was a wharf at N 57-01-48, E 24-06-00 with two large floating docks approximately 140 meters in length. There were also two high turret-revolving cranes. The depth of the water approximately 10 meters from the pier was 7.3 25X1

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meters. The bar at the mouth of the Daugava River, below the protective dam, was 8 meters deep, and it had to be navigated with care.

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[redacted] described the minelayers as follows: 70 meters long; one stack amidships; a sloping mast located at the stern of the bridge; one 10-centimeter gun forward of the bridge, and another aft of the stack; and a screen-shaped radar antenna on top of the mast. The ships were painted blue-gray, and there was a minesweeping paravane on the bow of each of the vessels. 25X1

8. Thirty motor torpedo boats were observed on the breakwater in front of the Winter Harbor, at N 57-02-50, E 24-02-12. The torpedo boats were on movable under-carriages which ran on rails. Five of the torpedo boats had a ball-shaped bow with equipment (sic). 25X1

9. At the entrance to the Winter Harbor, [redacted] [redacted]; three submarines lay alongside the vessel. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] an 8,000 ton steamer; approximately 135 meters in length; a mast with large yardarms was located forward of the bridge, with a crow's nest and a searchlight; a second mast was located aft of the superstructure; the bow of the vessel was steep, in an old stern-post form; a gun was located on the after section of the ship; an anti-aircraft gun was located in front of the stack; a screen-shaped radar antenna was located on the bridge; and the ship was painted gray. 25X1

10. [redacted] described the three submarines (see Sketch No. 6) as follows: the bow and stern were under water; the skin of the conning tower blended into the hull; the vessels were approximately 35 meters long; no armament or snorkel equipment was observed; they were painted silver-gray and no identification marks were observed. The conning tower was smooth; from astern it looked dome-shaped, and from behind flat-shaped. No diving tubes were observed. 25X1

11. There were approximately 30 submarines farther inside the Winter Harbor. 25X1

12. [redacted] a supply ship (see Sketch No. 3), [redacted] described the vessel as follows: about 70 meters long; a loading mast with three booms on the bow; screen-shaped radar; towing equipment; no heavy armament but there were anti-aircraft guns; the bow and stern of the vessel were shaped like those of an escort vessel; and the ship was painted blue-green. 25X1

13. [redacted] ship was leaving Riga, the Soviet tug SATURN was observed lying alongside a wharf. It was a coal burning ship, about 30 meters long, and it was not equipped with radar equipment. [redacted] towing equipment on deck, and the tug was painted black. (See Sketch No. 5) 25X1

#### Airfield at Riga:

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14. The airfield at Riga was located on the right side of the Daugava River, as one entered the port. [redacted] the airfield extended from approximately N 56-58-48 to E 56-59-54, and was about 1,000 to 1,200 meters long. It extended in a westerly direction to a hill, which was covered with trees. A long dike protected the airfield from high tides.

15. [redacted] the following aircraft at the field: eight twin-engined aircraft with glass domes; 62 MIGs, 13 single-engined pursuit aircraft, 28 more MIGs and two double-decker (sic) trainers. A high radar mast was located near a hangar in the northeast section of the airfield. 25X1

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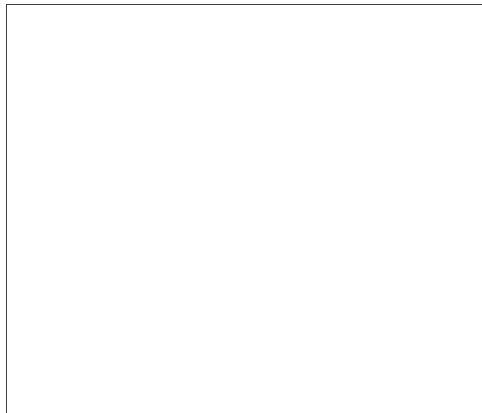
16. A radio station was located at N 57-00-16, E 21-06-05.  two radio masts, about 70 meters high. The masts were steel, lattice-type constructions. Three other masts, about 25 meters high and of tubular construction, were located to the east of the radio station.
17. A large new plant was under construction at N 57-02-06, E 24-06-06. Barracks were also under construction near the Winter Harbor at N 57-02-50, E 24-06-12. No radar installations were observed.

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Legend to the Sketch of Riga:

1. Berth of  ship.
2. Old grain elevator
3. Powerhouse
4. New quay
5. Loading quay, about 30 meters long with a crane of 15-ton capacity.
6. Area for loading coal.
7. Berth of patrol vessels.
8. A new building
9. An industrial center
10. A chemical plant
11. Storage area for minerals
12. Storage area for coal
13. A stone building which houses a bakery
14. Storage area for coal
15. Coal barge
16. New elevator
17. Storage shed
18. Storage shed
19. Soviet vessel
20. New storage sheds

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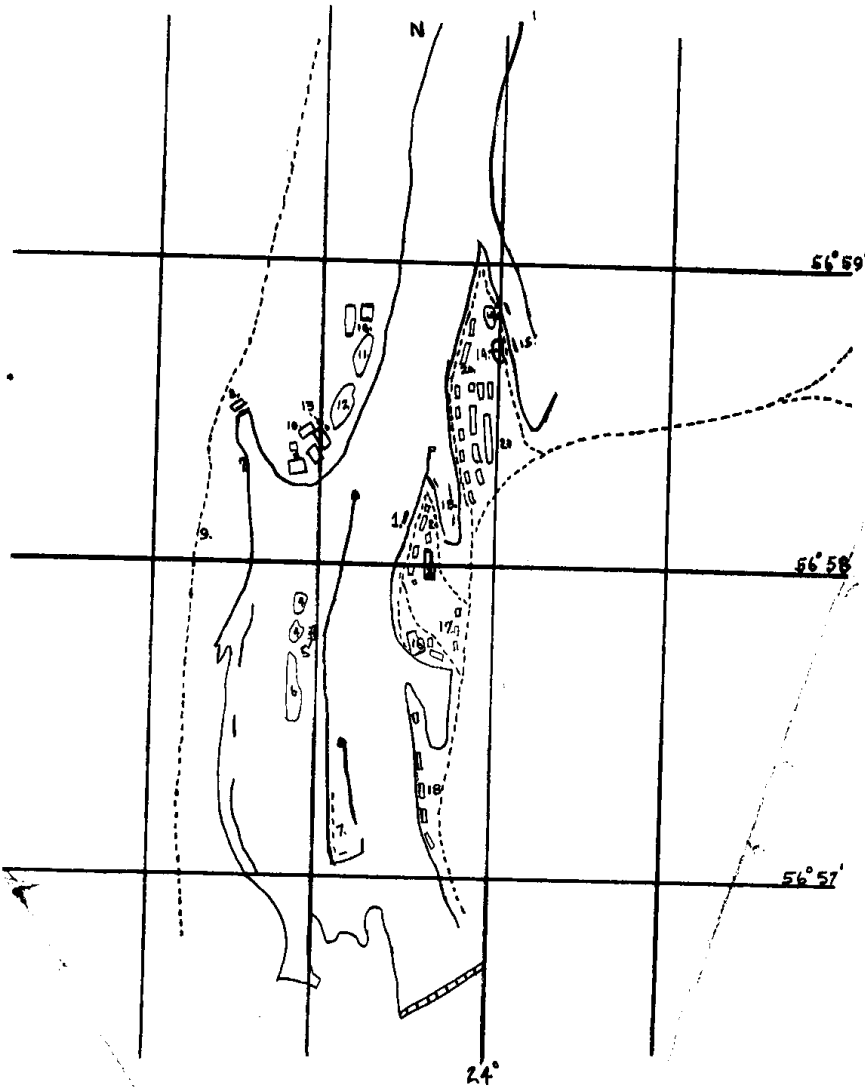
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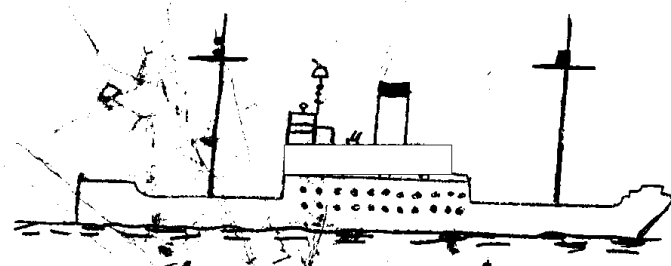


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Sketch No. 1:  
Sketch of Riga Harbor:



Sketch No. 2:  
Sketch of Soviet Vessel



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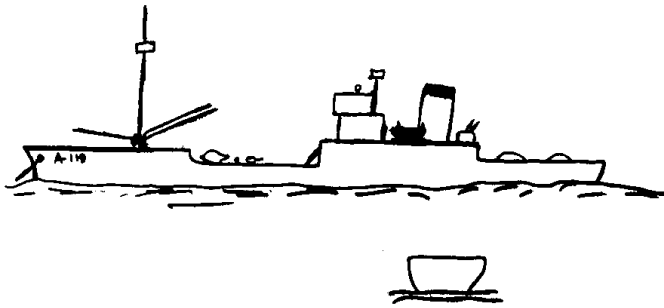
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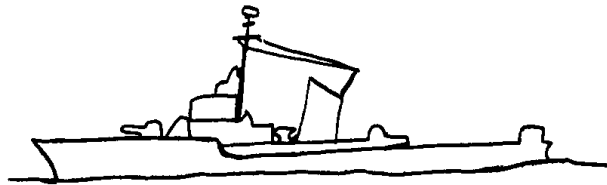
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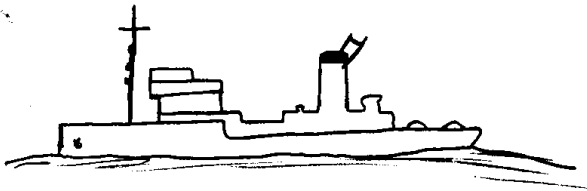
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Sketch of Buoy Tender :



Sketch No. 4:  
Sketch of Soviet Minelayer:



Sketch No. 5:  
Sketch of the SATURN:



Sketch No. 6:  
Sketch of Submarine:



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