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1. On 5 September 1953 at Kronshtadt, at the position usually occupied by the OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA, there was a cruiser at anchor. It was said to be one of the new cruisers. The second mast of this vessel was located forward of the second stack and it had two triple turrets of heavy guns and similar heavy armament aft. It appeared to be of the same class as the SVERDLOV. This vessel, or one of similar class, was in the same position on 16 September 1953.
2. On 5 September 1953 the following vessels were seen in the dockyard at Kronshtadt:
 - a. A destroyer with two stacks, a tripod foremast, and a short mast aft. Its armament was not seen.
 - b. A large number of small craft which were possibly MTBs or minesweepers.
 - c. No large vessels were seen.
3. On 5 September one destroyer and two minesweepers were moored to the quay of the small repair yard at the northern end of Kanonerskiy Island. (See attached sketch). The destroyer which had two tripod masts and three stacks appeared to belong to an old class. It was armed with four guns of the same caliber. One gun was mounted forward, two aft of the second mast, and one between the second mast and the third stack. It had two sets of triple torpedo tubes amidships. The minesweepers had one mast and one stack each. They had no guns mounted on the foredeck. They appeared to be old German vessels.
4. A new cruiser which informant believed was of the SVERDLOV Class was tied up at the position shown on attached sketch, in the Admiralty Shipbuilding Yard (Admiralteyskiy Sudostroitelnyy Zavod).
5. Two large floating cranes were moored at the Admiralty Shipbuilding Yard as shown on attached sketch. The one in the more northerly position, which

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was opposite the yard workshops, was the larger of the two.

6. Two transport vessels of between 4,000 and 6,000 tons each were moored in the vicinity of the Admiralty Shipbuilding Yard as shown on the attached sketch. They were painted gray, and they had one stack and two masts each.
7. No observations were made at the Kirov (ex-Putilov) Shipbuilding Yard.
8. Two cruisers, the positions of which are shown in the attached sketch, were under construction in the Admiralty Shipbuilding Yard. Work was underway on the superstructure and turrets of the cruiser on the northern side of the basin, and work had just started on the superstructure of the cruiser on the southern side of the basin.
9. On the night of 9/10 September a large submarine, considerably over 300 feet in length, was towed by three tugs out the Neva River into the Morskoy Canal. The conning tower appeared to be very high and there were raised platforms fore and aft.
10. On 16 September, three cruisers were observed in the vicinity of Kronshtadt. One appeared to belong to the SVERDLOV Class and the other two seemed to be smaller. Later, two cruisers were seen off the coast of the Estonian SSR.

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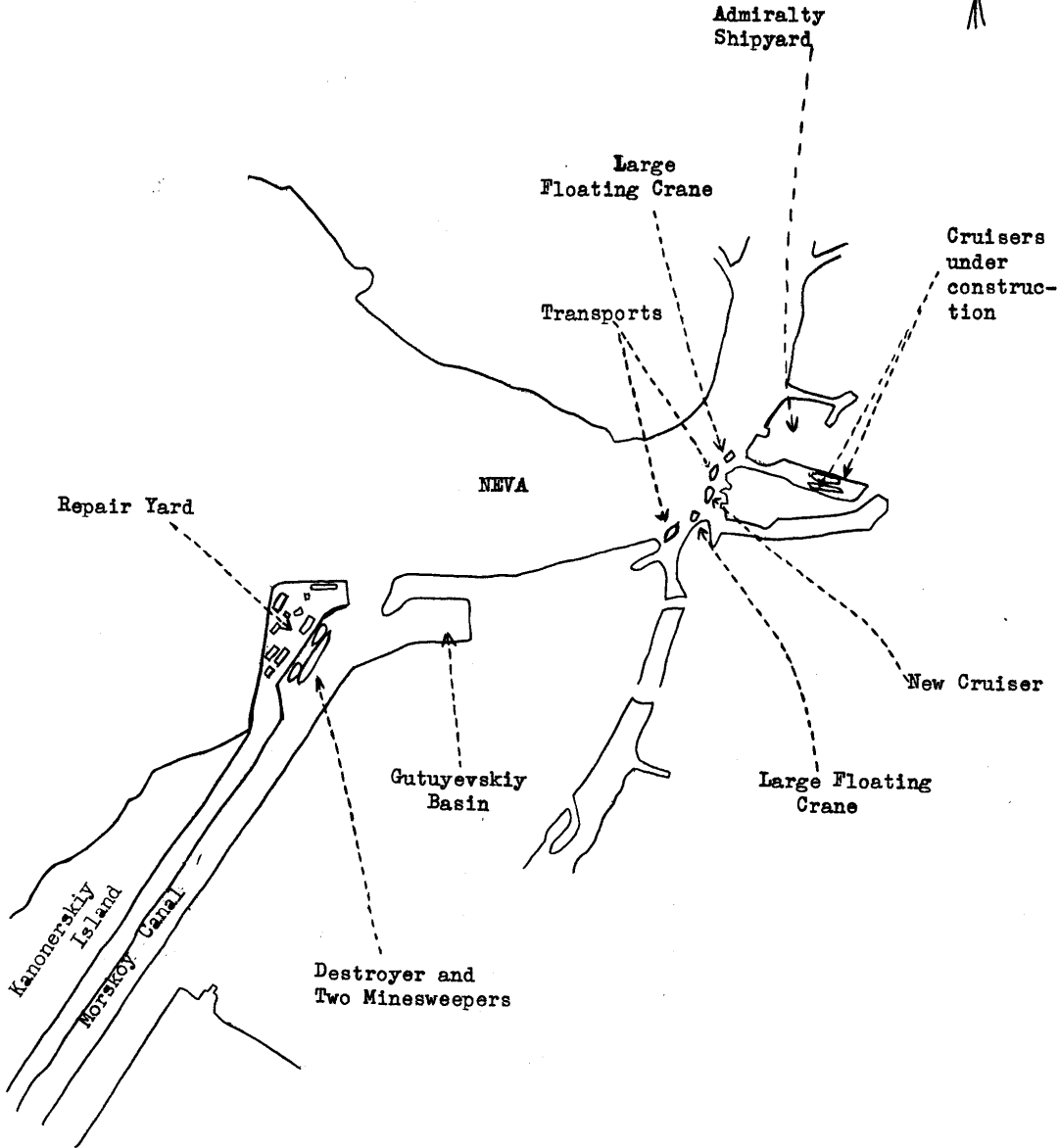


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Sketch of Leningrad Harbor:



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