

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

COUNTRY	USSR (Latvian SSR)	REPORT	[Redacted]
SUBJECT	Soviet Naval Vessels in Ventspils Harbor	DATE DISTR.	15 October 1954
DATE OF INFO.	[Redacted]	NO. OF PAGES	1
PLACE ACQUIRED	[Redacted]	REQUIREMENT NO.	RD
		REFERENCES	25X1

25X1

This is UNEVALUATED

25X1

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

25X1

1. On 14 February 1954, when [Redacted] ship entered Ventspils Harbor, about 20 Soviet naval vessels were sighted near the barracks installations located on the starboard side of the incoming vessel. [Redacted]

25X1

25X1

[Redacted] A submarine tender, similar to the former German submarine tender TSINGTAU but much smaller in size, was moored near the submarines.

2. Another vessel, between 50 and 60 meters long, with a rather heavy armament for a ship of its size was berthed at the naval pier. It had a forward twin turret with two guns of an estimated caliber of 125 millimeters each, with a twin-barreled 20-mm gun on top of the turret. There was also a single turret aft with a 125-mm gun, with two 20-mm guns on top of the turret. A 37-mm gun was on the forward section of the forecastle. The two open rear sides of the two turrets were canvas-covered. A sickle-shaped radar scanner was on the bridge. This vessel was unmarked and painted gray. [Redacted]

25X1

[Redacted] Two small submarines which looked rather neglected had been hauled up ashore; informant believed that they were one-man submarines.

25X1

NODEX

25X1

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	#X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC	
-------	---	------	---	------	----	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--

25X1

(NOTE: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#").

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION REPORT

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

COUNTRY	USSR (Latvian SSR)	REPORT	
SUBJECT	Soviet Naval Vessels in Ventspils Harbor	DATE DISTR.	15 October 1954
DATE OF INFO.		NO. OF PAGES	4
PLACE ACQUIRED		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD
		REFERENCES	

25X1

This is UNEVALUATED

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
 THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
 (FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

25X1

1. [redacted] ship was in the port of Ventspils [redacted]
 For a sketch of the harbor area see page 4.

25X1

25X1

25X1

3. While [redacted] in harbor, the following movements of Soviet naval vessels were observed:

25X1

<u>DATE IN</u>	<u>TIME (hours)</u>	<u>DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS OF VESSELS</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
March			
22	0700 - 0800	Submarine [redacted] and KRONSHADT Class vessels	Left port.

25X1

25X1

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	#X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC					25X1
-------	---	------	---	------	----	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	------

(NOT: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#".)

25X1

25X1

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

[redacted] 25X1

-2-

25X1

22	1000	Vessel [redacted]	Arrived port.	25X1
22	1200	Vessel [redacted]	Left port.	25X1
22	1720	Vessels [redacted]	Arrived port.	
23	1725	Submarines [redacted]		
24	0700 - 0800	Submarines [redacted] together with 10 KRONSHADT Class vessels	Left port.	25X1
24	1500	Submarine [redacted]	Putting in from seaward	25X1
24	1700	[redacted]	Put in without submarine [redacted] which probably entered port during the night as it was in harbor the next morning.	25X1
25	1300	No warship movements		
26	1300	Vessel [redacted]	Put in with six mines on the port side of the fantail.	

4. The KRONSHADT Class vessels, when entering or leaving harbor, carried a black ball at the starboard arm of the signal yard. [redacted] also flew a red pennant with a white ball in the middle at the port yardarm. While moored at night, these vessels carried a white light vertically above a red light in lieu of the ball. The inside vessel of one group of KRONSHADT Class vessels tied up one abeam the other showed international signal flag "J" (blue-white and blue horizontally) on the starboard yardarm, and that of the following group flag "M" (blue with a white St. Andrew's cross). Each boat of the two groups carried two international flags "Z" (black-yellow-blue-and-red) one above the other. 25X1
5. A total of 21 crew members was seen on deck [redacted] when it entered or left harbor. Six men were on the foredeck, 10 on the bridge and 13 on the fantail. [redacted] Submarines [redacted] carried four men on the foredeck, four men on the conning tower, and four men on the fantail. All naval vessels observed were in good condition, showed very good discipline in formation, and perfect maneuvers when going alongside or leaving the pier. 25X1

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

-3-

25X1

Legend to the Sketch of Ventspils Harbor:

1. Berth of [] ship. 25X1
2. Berth of [] the T-301 Class. 25X1
3. Berths of submarines [] 25X1
4. Berths of [] two other vessels as well as submarine [] and an accommodation ship. 25X1
5. Berths of [] two other vessels. 25X1
6. Berths [] 25X1
7. Berth of [] T-301 Class. 25X1
8. PT boats [] which were hauled ashore. 25X1
9. Berths of PT boat [] 25X1
10. Berths of [] another vessel with two stacks. 25X1
11. Berths of [] (KRONSHADT Class vessel) and [] T-43 Class. 25X1
12. Berths of [] another KRONSHADT Class vessel. 25X1
13. Berths of [] two other MO-Class vessels.
14. Berths of [] another KRONSHADT Class vessel.
15. Berths of [] two other KRONSHADT Class vessels.
16. South jetty. 25X1
17. North jetty.

NODEX

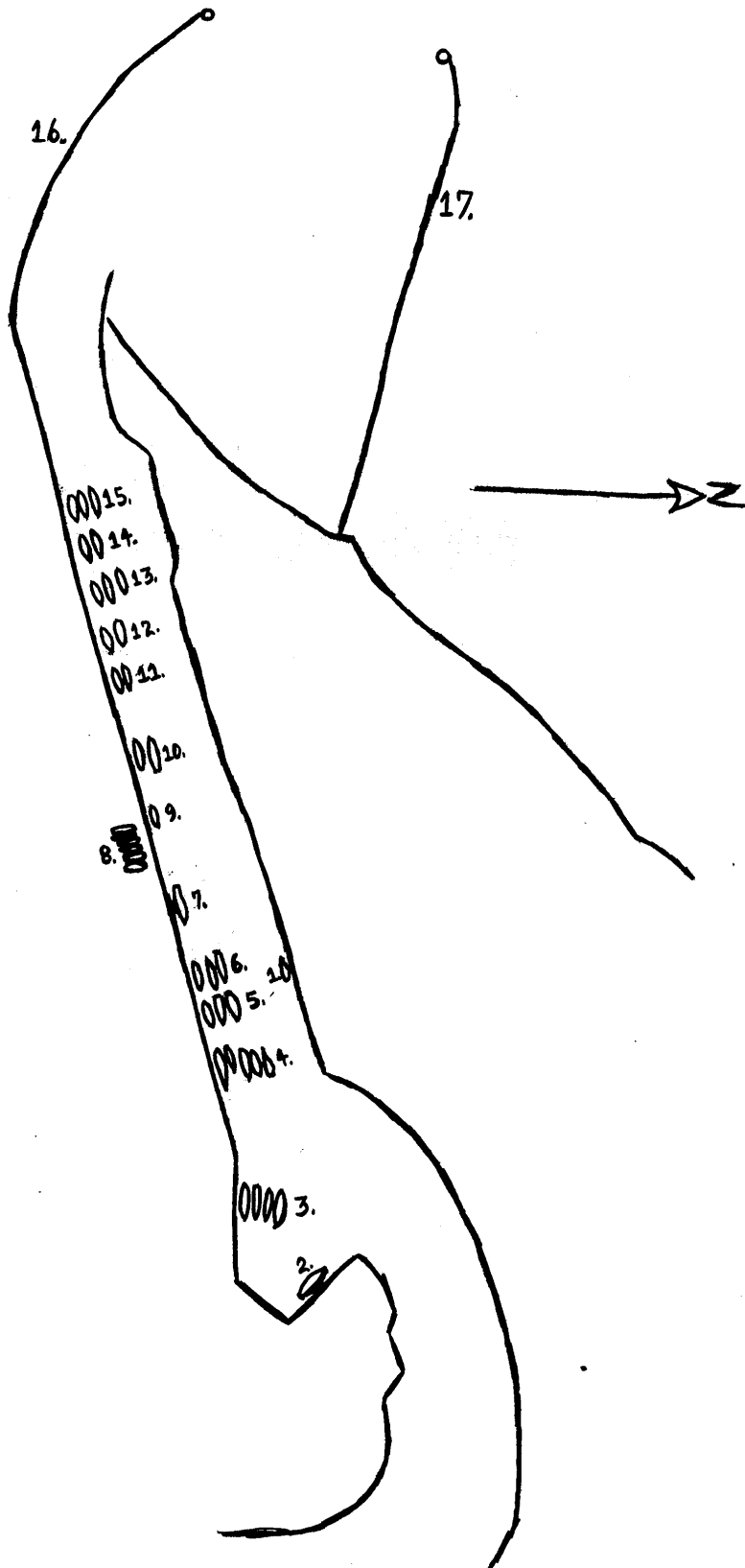
SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY



-4-

Sketch of Ventspils Harbor:



SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY