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COUNTRY	USSR (Arctic)	REPORT	[REDACTED]
SUBJECT	Port of Mezen	DATE DISTR.	15 November 1954
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1. [REDACTED] ship was in the port of Mezen [REDACTED]. The ship loaded at both floating quays at Mezen. Both quays were practically identical, each having space for two ships. The landing approach to each of them was different. [REDACTED] ship loaded to a depth of 13 feet, 9 inches. When loaded to a 14-foot depth, the ship was aground alongside the quay at low tide. 25X1
2. [REDACTED] a Soviet merchant ship of about 600 to 700 DWT anchored some distance up the river and remained there for several days. It was a motor ship and was painted light gray. The ship had a forecastle, a short afterdeck, one stack, two masts, an elevated afterdeck (sic), and a blunt stern. (See Sketch on page 2) [REDACTED] three military trucks as deck cargo on the ship. There were many soldiers on the ship, [REDACTED] the vessel was a naval transport vessel engaged in routine military work. 25X1
3. The only air activity observed consisted of a two-engine aircraft which flew over Mezen daily and landed on the other side of the river. This aircraft resembled a DC-3. It was usually observed in flight during the forenoon with irregular appearances during the rest of the day. 25X1
4. [REDACTED] ship was located about 15 miles offshore west of Kharlov Island (N 68-49, E 37-21). From this location [REDACTED] a large naval vessel which was following an easterly course five or six nautical [REDACTED] observed. The cruiser was escorted by two small vessels on the starboard side. The escorting vessels could not be observed clearly [REDACTED] submarines traveling on the surface or small surface craft. 25X1

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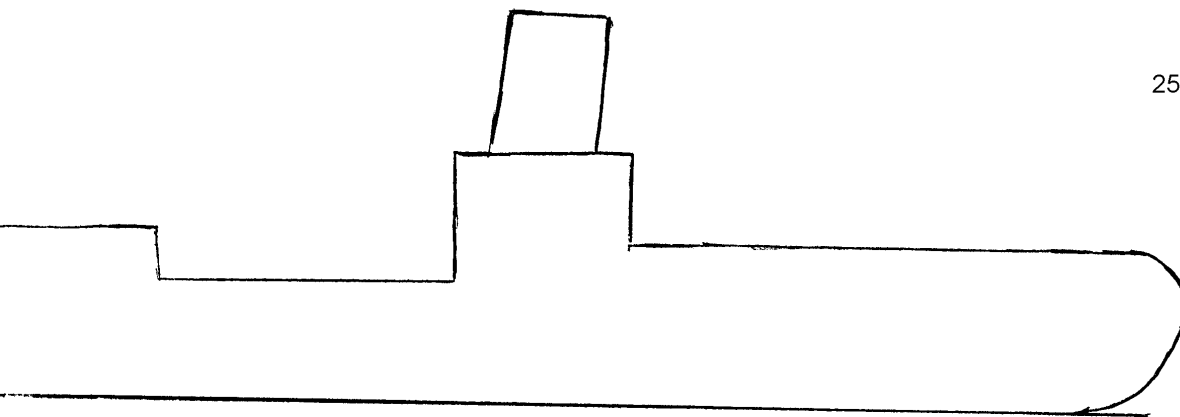
5. [redacted] three submarines proceeding in line formation about five or six nautical miles to the rear of the vessels mentioned above. One of the submarines changed its course to the northeast and proceeded at about 10 to 12 knots. This submarine had a streamlined conning tower and one gun aft of the tower; [redacted] it was a three-inch, semi-automatic gun. There was no gun forward of the conning tower. The submarine was painted light gray. [redacted] a periscope on the submarine [redacted]

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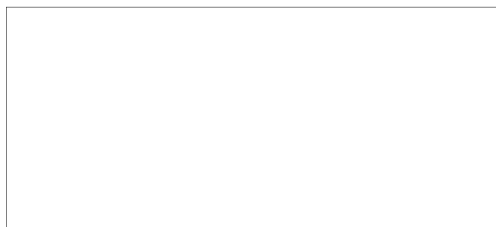
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Sketch of Soviet Vessel:

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