

25X1

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.

25X1

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

COUNTRY	USSR (Arctic)	REPORT	[REDACTED]
SUBJECT	1. Soviet Naval Exercises near Kildin Island 2. Port of Arkhangelsk	DATE DISTR.	15 November 1954
DATE OF INFO.	[REDACTED]	NO. OF PAGES	2
PLACE ACQUIRED	[REDACTED]	REQUIREMENT	[REDACTED]
		REFERENCES	25X1
	This is UNEVALUATED		25X1

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

25X1

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] while enroute to Arkhangelsk, [REDACTED] ship passed a Soviet cruiser, two destroyers, and two MTBs which were engaged in target practice in the area between Majakkaniemi (sic) and the east side of Kildin Island. The formation was a considerable distance from [REDACTED] ship but the weather was clear. 25X1
- The cruiser was a large vessel with a large tower-like bridge. It had two stacks and there were two gun turrets on both the fore and afterdecks. The foremast had a radar screen on top. There was a large space between the forward stack and the aftermast which was larger than foremast. There was some block and tackle equipment near the aftermast. [REDACTED] that the ship displayed a flag [REDACTED] 25X1
- Each of the two destroyers was about 350 feet long. One of them displayed flag [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] of the second vessel was not observed. 25X1
- Each MTB had one stack and one mast. No other significant details could be observed except that MTBs were much smaller than the destroyers. 25X1
- [REDACTED] two targets, one for the cruiser and one for the other vessels. The targets appeared to be "bracketed" by vessels resembling MTBs. A long towline was used and the targets were towed at a moderate speed. 25X1
- At first the cruiser proceeded at moderate speed on a course south-by-south-west; it then followed a zigzag course in a northeasterly direction while firing to the west. [REDACTED] 25X1
- [REDACTED] The cruiser employed its main batteries; [REDACTED] the muzzle blasts and the hits but he did not know the elevation of the guns during the firing. 25X1

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

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

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

//
25X1

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY



25X1

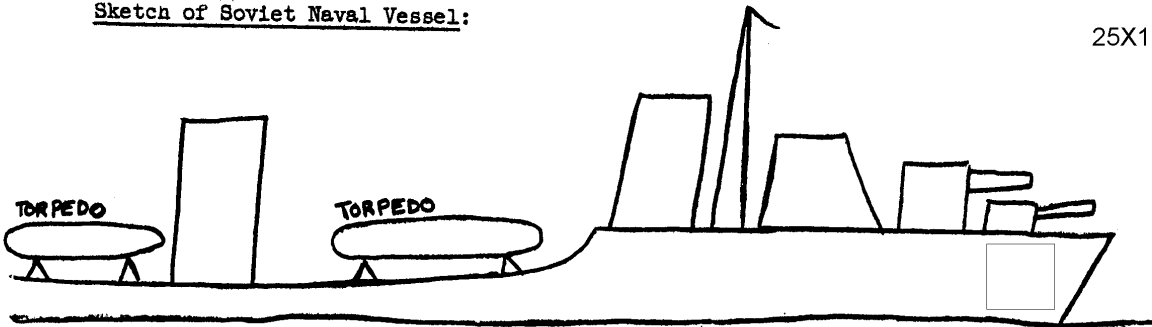
-2-

- 7. At first the cruiser fired two single shots which hit near the target. This was followed by five or six salvos of three shots each; the salvos were not fired simultaneously. The hits were near the target, but each of the three hits per salvo was a little short in relation to the other. The water spurt was high but informant did not observe any smoke or flame.
- 8. The destroyers conducted their firing exercises close to the shore on the east side of the area. The MTBs were closer inshore than the destroyers. The destroyers fired with their main guns while at long range. Informant could not observe any of the hits by the destroyers. The guns of the MTBs were not observed but informant heard automatic gunfire from these vessels. No target was observed near the MTBs.
- 9. At the conclusion of the firing exercise, the destroyers joined the cruiser and the MTBs remained with the targets. It appeared that the naval vessels continued to keep at a considerable distance as [redacted] ship entered the maneuvering area.
- 10. In Arkhangelsk informant observed about 24 naval vessels of two different types. The first type was a long sleek vessel with one stack, a foremast, and a smaller aftermast. There were about twelve vessels of this type. The second type [redacted] was equipped with a mine rack. The vessels were dispersed over a large area [redacted]

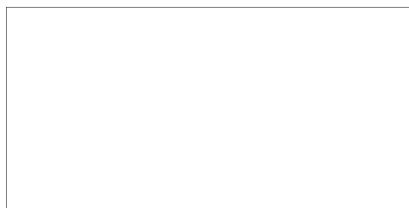
25X1

25X1

Sketch of Soviet Naval Vessel:



25X1



25X1

25X1

SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY