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COUNTRY	USSR (Arctic)	REPORT	[REDACTED]
SUBJECT	1. Port of Mezen 2. Naval Formation near Cape Svyatoy Nos	DATE DISTR.	19 November 1954
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1. On the morning of 15 July 1954, [REDACTED] ship passed four miles off shore at Cape Svyatoy Nos (N 68-10, E 39-48) en route to Mezen. At that point eight naval vessels were seen engaged in an exercise. Three of these units were submarines. They were submerged to the extent that detailed observation was not possible. One lay far out to sea, one close to the shore, and a third far forward [REDACTED]

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2. One of the naval vessels was a training or supply ship marked No. V-101.¹ It was approximately 200 feet long. It had a vertical stack, a large deckhouse with square frames running from the bridge to the rear, a blunt stern, and a small gun of about two-inch caliber behind a shield on the foredeck. This vessel approached from the land and passed directly in front of [REDACTED] ship. Only a few persons were observed on board, [REDACTED] it was a training ship because of the large deckhouse. [REDACTED] ship exchanged visual greetings with this vessel.

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3. The fifth vessel observed was destroyer [REDACTED] which was about 250 feet long and had a low forecastle. It had two stacks, one of which was a slanting stack close to the bridge and a smaller vertical one to the rear. The ship, which lay low in the water, proceeded at slow speed in a westerly direction.

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4. The three remaining vessels were small patrol boats or MTBs; they were observed from a great distance. Each vessel had a straight bow, a small forecastle, and one stack. These vessels appeared to be moving very slowly close to shore.

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5. [REDACTED] ship proceeded directly to the first pontoon quay at Mezen and the loading began at once. The water depth at low tide was between 12½ and 13 feet. [REDACTED] loaded to a depth of 14 feet, 1 inch, and it was aground twice, each time at low tide.

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The depth at the other pontoon quay was said to be only nine feet.

6. [redacted] ship departed from Mezen at high tide. The pilot said that another ship had loaded to a depth of 15 feet, six inches and that it required two high tides to leave the area.

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7. On the outgoing trip [redacted] vessel had passed a small patrol boat at Cape Bolshoy Gorodetskiy (N 67-43, E 40-57) and another at Cape Terskiy Orlov (N 67-13, E 41-18). Both were small gray wooden vessels with the appearance of large fishing boats. They flew no pennants and [redacted] they were assigned to navigation or lighthouse service. On the return trip [redacted] ship passed three vessels, which he believed were fishery protection vessels, near Kharlov Island (N 68-49, E 37-21).

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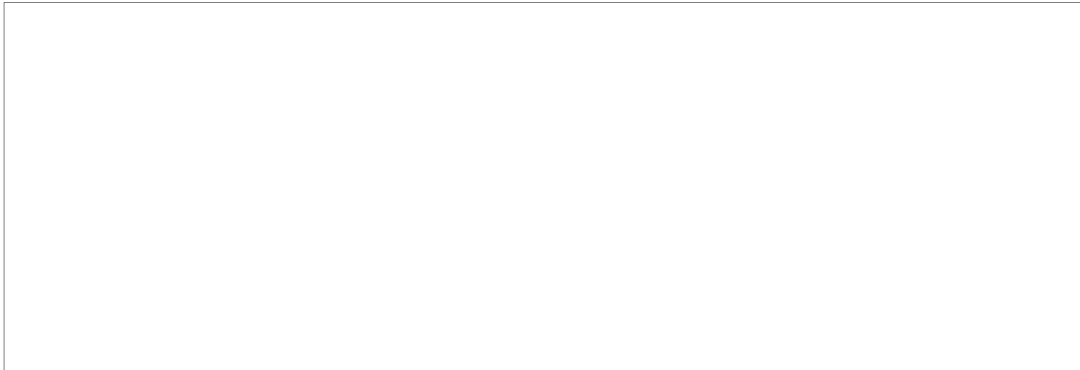
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8. On the afternoon of 23 July, approximately four miles west of Cape Svyatoy [redacted] a destroyer with pennant No. 158 which was proceeding on an easterly course at about 15 or 16 knots. This vessel resembled vessel No. 32 (para. 3) but it appeared to be of more modern construction. [redacted] the forecastle was higher than that on vessel No. 32. [redacted] ship exchanged visual greetings with vessel [redacted]

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