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- At 1430 hours on 30 June 1954, when [redacted] ship was at N 69-35, E 33-25 en route to Murmansk, a Soviet destroyer was seen on a course of 080 degrees, about seven nautical miles away. The destroyer's course was 350 degrees and its speed about ten knots. Poor visibility and rain showers made it difficult to identify the ship [redacted] it belonged to the OTLICHNYI Class (see sketch No. 1). 25X1
- At 1445 hours, a minesweeper of the T-371 Class (sic) was observed. The minesweeper headed for [redacted] ship, which was located at N 69-33, E 33-30, and it passed about 400 yards aft. The minesweeper [redacted] was approximately a 200-ton vessel and it had one three-inch gun on the forecandle, and a 20 millimeter gun mounted on a high carriage (see sketch No. 1). 25X1
- At 1500 hours, four minesweepers of the T-371 Class were seen patrolling at low speed on a 045 degree course ten nautical miles off Set Navolok Light (N 69-24, E 33-30). They steered various courses and were checking trawlers and fishing boats which were entering the Kola Inlet. [redacted] (see sketch No. 1). 25X1
- In the northern part of the Kola Inlet, [redacted] ship passed two patrol vessels "of the same type as the Shetland busses". Each of them had one 20-millimeter gun mounted on the forecandle. They proceeded slowly on no steady course. In addition, there were several small patrol vessels without guns. A submarine came out of Olenya Bay (N 69-13, E 33-21) and submerged one mile southwest of Svedolvaty Island (N 69-15, E 33-29). 25X1
- At 1825 hours, a cruiser was observed lying at anchor in the bay south of Salnyy Island (N 69-08, E 33-26). The cruiser had [redacted] one triple six-inch gun, a number of anti-aircraft machine guns amidships, and two triple six-inch guns on the afterdeck. There was a destroyer near the cruiser. It had two masts and [redacted] it was an improved vessel of the OTLICHNYI Class. About fifteen destroyers [redacted] were of the same class lay at anchor in the bay (see sketch No. 2). 25X1

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6. Another cruiser lay at anchor at Velikiy Point (N 69-05, E 33-17). [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] A third cruiser lay at anchor at Pinagoriy 25X1
 Point (N 69-03, E 33-05). [redacted] South of Pinagoriy Point 25X1
 (see sketch No. 2) there were two submarines and five destroyers. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] the fifth destroyer was in a floating 25X1
 drydock. [redacted] There was an 25X1
 airfield in a little bay about two miles east of Pinagoriy Point. In a hangar
 there were five seaplanes, two of which were at anchor. (See sketch No. 2) On
 30 June, three jet fighters were seen flying in formation. Their position was
 N 69-04, E 33-05. [redacted] their speed to be about 800 kilometers 25X1
 per hour. The aircraft were on a southerly course (see sketch No. 3).
7. On the northern edge of the dense settlement just above the quay where [redacted] 25X1
 ship lay at anchor, there was a naval depot. Outside the building there were about
 twenty five-inch ships guns which looked new.
8. [redacted] the settlement above the quay, which consisted 25X1
 principally of military barracks. Ninety per cent of the men [redacted] were 25X1
 soldiers in uniform. The remainder were elderly persons who were poorly clothed
 and acted disinterested. It was raining hard and the road, which was always bad,
 was nearly impassible.
9. [redacted] ship left Murmansk [redacted] The situation concerning 25X1
 the vessels at anchor in the inlet was the same as when [redacted] ship came 25X1
 in (see sketch No. 2) except that the cruiser that had been observed at Velikiy 25X1
 Point was no longer there. A destroyer went ahead of [redacted] ship going out 25X1
 of the Kola Inlet.
10. At 1720 hours on 2 July, six MTBs were seen in line formation in a position 070 25X1
 degrees off Set Navolok Point and five nautical miles away. The vessels travel-
 led at a speed of about forty knots on no set course; they were laying a smokescreen
 around a cruiser that was travelling at about ten knots in a northerly direction.
 The distance was too great [redacted] to be able to identify the cruiser.
11. At the same time, seven other MTBs in line formation were also observed. These 25X1
 vessels were going north around Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10) and later they
 came out of Kildin Strait. [redacted] estimated the speed of the vessels to be
 between forty and forty-five knots.
12. [redacted] ship passed three MTBs. They lay at anchor at a distance 25X1
 of about two nautical miles. Each MTB had one 20 millimeter machine gun on the
 forecastle, one 20 millimeter machine gun aft, two torpedo tubes, and no radar.
 Informant noted that the MTBs were copies of American PT boats; but, in contrast
 to the latter, one could hardly hear their motors when they were running. The
 weather was clear and visibility good when [redacted] ship was departing. 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment: This vessel is probably the ALEKSANDR NEVSKIY, a SVERDLOV 25X1
 Class cruiser. However, this vessel is equipped with two triple six-inch gun
 mounts forward.

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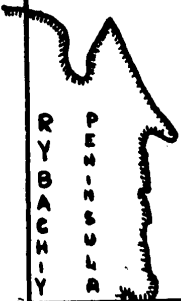
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Sketch No. 1:
Area Outside Kola Inlet:

33-30

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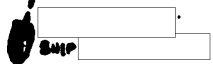
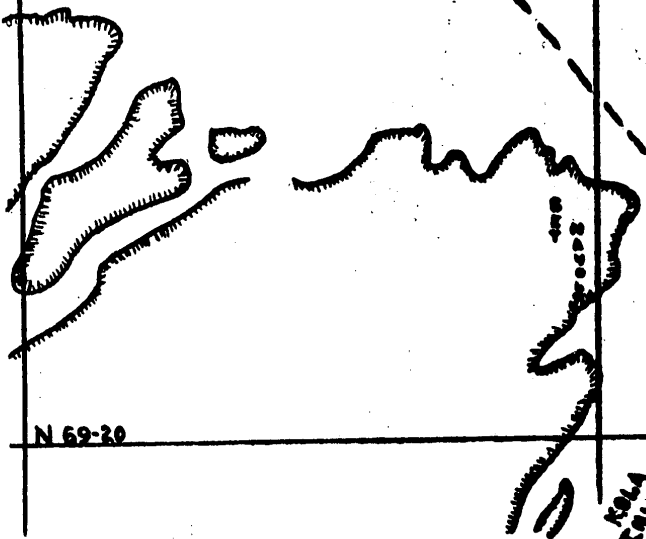
MINE SWEEPER No. 712
1445 HOURS
13 KNOTS

DESTROYER
1430 HOURS
COURSE - 350°
30 KNOTS

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MINE SWEEPERS
1500 HOURS
4 MILES AWAY



SHIP

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N 69-20

KOLA INLET

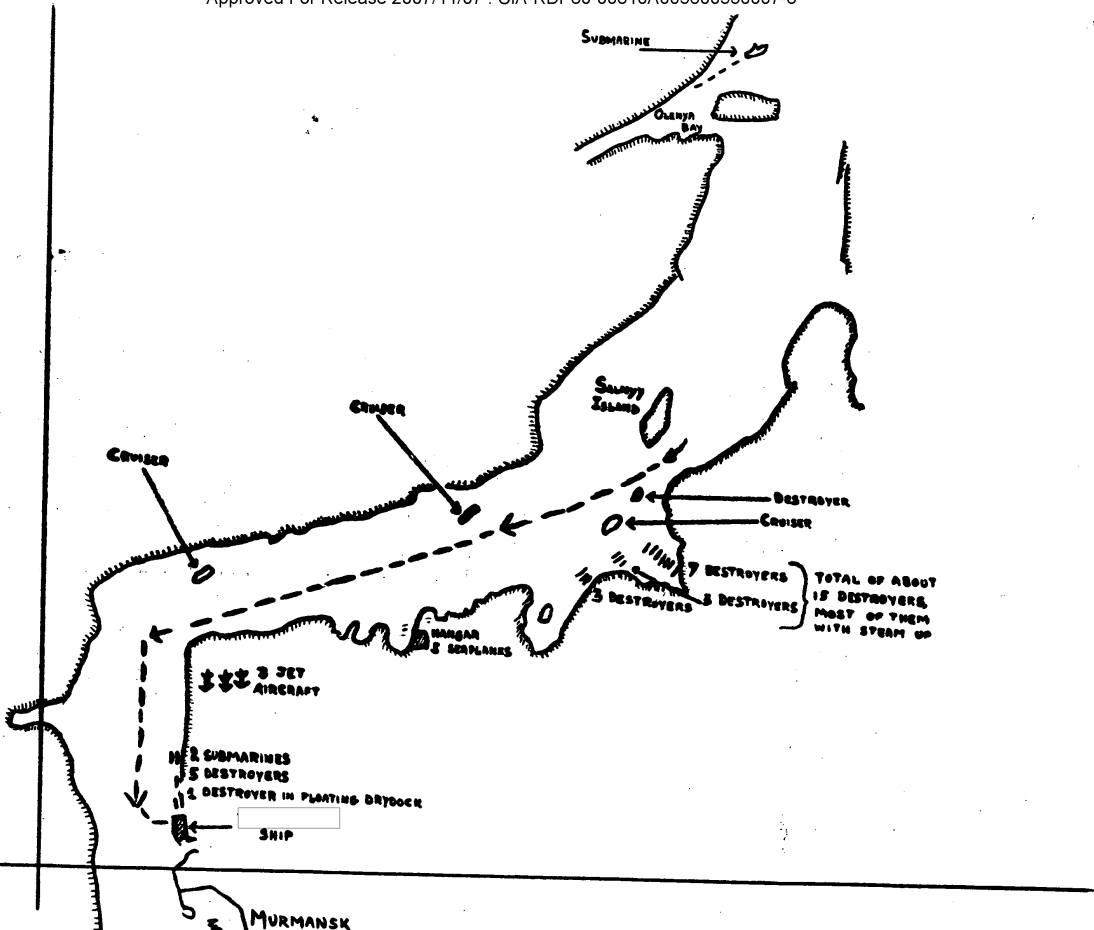
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Sketch No. 2:
Kola Inlet:

N 69-00



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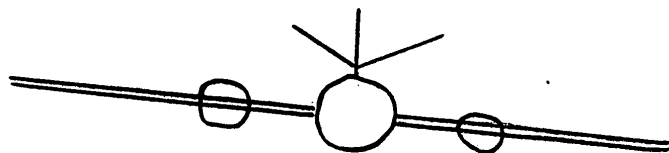
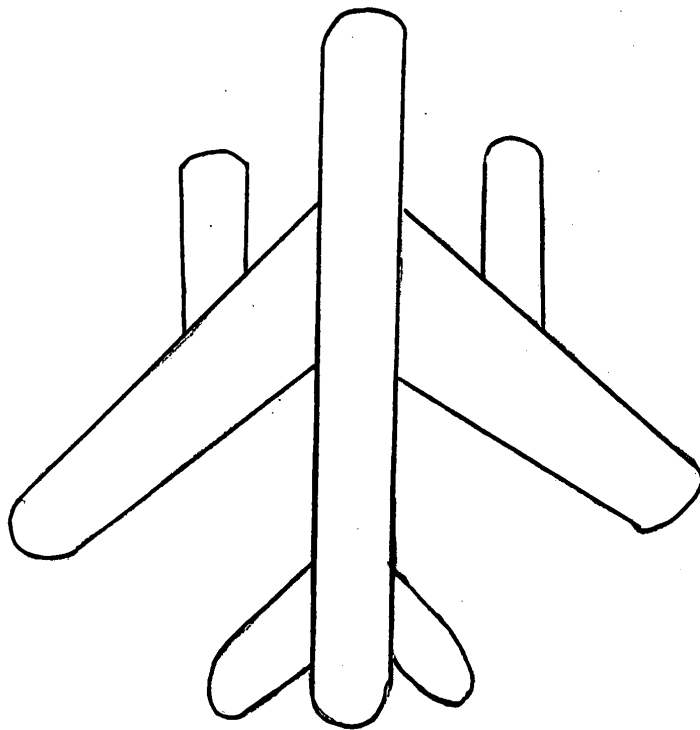
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Sketch No. 3:
Soviet Aircraft:



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