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1. [REDACTED] July 1954 [REDACTED] just off Cape Svyatoy Nos (N 68-10, E 39-48) and eight nautical miles from land, two submarines and a surface vessel, probably a destroyer, executing maneuvers. Each submarine had a long conning tower without angular corners, and two periscopes; [REDACTED] and no guns were visible on the conning tower. The destroyer had a forecastle which extended almost to the bridge, and two stacks. Other details were not observed. 25X1
- [REDACTED] The half-submerged submarines went toward land in line formation, travelling at a low speed. The destroyer cruised around the submarines on a zigzag course and then it lay almost still in the water. The vessels were observed from a comparatively great distance and the weather was hazy during the observations. 25X1
2. [REDACTED] 25X1
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED] the floating dock at the repair shop at Solombala was just an ordinary one. [REDACTED] there was a cargo ship of about 3,000 DWT in the dock.
5. Just south of Sawmill No. 16-17, there was a small-boat construction yard. There was a large number of completed fishing boats on shore there. The vessels were about twenty-five feet long, open, and made of oiled wood. Down on the river there was a small slipway, and there was a smack on the slipway. 25X1

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- [redacted] 25X1
6. Just south of Sawmill No. 16-17 there was a small carbarns. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
7. The bridge between Solombala and Arkhangelsk was a floating bridge which was in a weakened condition. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] There was ample room for passing on the bridge. 25X1
8. [redacted]
9. [redacted] there were more consumer goods available in Arkhangelsk than in 1953. For example, [redacted] many bicycles. Many of the harbor workers had new bicycles and it was evident that they had not been bicycling long. Many of the harbor workers also had wrist watches [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
10. [redacted] 25X1
- nine minesweepers were seen in a group on the river a short distance south of the ship's berth. They proceeded in line formation down the river. All the vessels were of the same type. Each ship had a plumb bow, a forecastle, a bridge, and one stack. Each ship's armament consisted of: a small gun on the forecastle; two small anti-aircraft guns near the stack, one on each side; and two small guns, one behind the other, in the center of the afterdeck. Each ship also had two upright paravanes amidships and two upright paravanes on the afterdeck; [redacted] there were the same number of paravanes on the port side. There was a large drum on the afterdeck; a boom hung down at an angle from the bow, so that the nearest one looked like a Mayer bow. The vessels bore pennants. [redacted] 25X1
- In the afternoon [redacted] some of the minesweepers came up the river again, one at a time, [redacted] 25X1
11. In the forenoon [redacted] a twin-jet aircraft which was flying low [redacted] seemed to land at Keg Island (N 64-32, E 40-28). The wings on the aircraft had tips that were cut straight; one side was cut at a right angle and the other at an obtuse angle. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] Engines jugged out on both sides of the wings. The entire aircraft was a shiny metal, and it was not painted gray like other Soviet aircraft [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] its fuselage was thin and very long. The typical whine of a jet aircraft could be heard, [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
12. In the forenoon [redacted] observed three single-engined jet aircraft with swept-back wings in the air over Arkhangelsk. They flew in formation, one behind the other in a diagonal line. In the afternoon [redacted] two single-engined jet aircraft of the same type were seen. In the forenoon [redacted] two jet aircraft of the same type were seen. 25X1
13. [redacted] the following vessels were seen along the quay at the naval workshop at Solombala: 25X1
- a. Minesweeper [redacted] and another minesweeper of the same type with pennant [redacted] 25X1

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b. Trawler [Redacted] its after end was unusually low in the water, and [Redacted] the vessel was partially sunk. 25X1

c. Vessel [Redacted] was a training ship. It had a slightly rounded bow, one stack, and two masts. The ship was painted gray, but [Redacted] not [Redacted] any guns on the vessel. 25X1
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d. Vessel [Redacted] which was larger than a minesweeper [Redacted] The ship was painted with red lead, and it was undergoing a major overhaul. There were spots of red lead fore and aft [Redacted] 25X1

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[Redacted] Comment: This vessel is probably the submarine tender [Redacted] the ex-German ADOLF LUDERITZ.

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