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- Between 0200 and 0600 hours on 12 July 1954, a Soviet naval vessel was observed in the area between Kharlov Island (N 68-49, E 37-21) and Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10). The vessel travelled at about 10 to 12 knots. While observed, the ship reversed its course 180 degrees; this maneuver was repeated several times. The ship [redacted] travelling at a speed of about 25 to 30 knots. The vessel was observed to take a sharp 180 degree turn, presumably at full speed, with good stability. 25X1
- The vessel appeared to be of new construction; it was painted gray [redacted] It had a slanted bow, two gun turrets on the foredeck, a bridge, a signal mast at the after edge of the bridge, one low stack, and two gun turrets on the afterdeck. It was a flush-deck vessel about 200 feet in length, and it was about the size of a merchant ship of 1600 to 1700 DWT. 25X1

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