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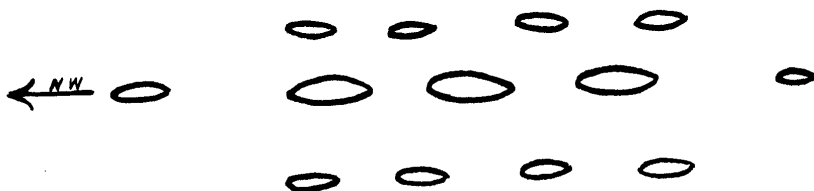
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- Between 1300 and 1400 hours on 25 August 1954, a formation of Soviet naval vessels was observed in a position near N 71-20, E 30-00 proceeding on a northwesterly course at a speed of 15 to 20 knots. The observation distance was 10 to 15 nautical miles. (See sketch below.)
- The formation was composed of three large vessels and about ten smaller vessels. Two of the large units were of the cruiser type with two guns forward, a heavy tower mast, and two stacks. The smaller craft were destroyer type vessels with large sheer and low freeboard and two large stacks placed close together. The vessels discharged a heavy exhaust smoke at intervals.
- On the morning of 1 September, a large vessel, similar to the two cruiser-type vessels seen in formation on 25 August, was sighted on a northwesterly course in position N 65-00, E 08-00.

Formation of Soviet Naval Vessels Sighted on 25 August



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