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1. [redacted] seven naval ships on a westward course near land at the eastern part of the Murmansk coast. They were sailing in line formation with a distance of 300 to 400 meters between ships and at a speed of about 15 to 20 miles. All the ships were alike: about 100 feet long, with one stack and one mast at the forward edge of the stack. Two guns were located close together on the forward deck. The after gun of the two had a smaller barrel, which pointed directly upward, and the forward of the two had a shield. There were three guns of equal size on the after-deck, two (sic) on each side just aft of midships, and one on the centerline farther aft. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] two groups of similar ships. The first group, consisting of five or six ships, was seen just outside the mouth of the Dvina River and was northbound. The second group, of seven or eight ships, met [redacted] ship in the river and was outbound. The ships in the Dvina [redacted] possibly a little larger than those seen off the Murmansk coast. The rig and armament were the same, but the stern was more square. On the afterdeck there were also some barrel-shaped objects with a rail arrangement for releasing them over the stern frame. [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] a corvette [redacted] passed down the Dvina. It was 150 to 175 feet long, with a short foremast and one large stack with a high mast at the forward edge. At the top of the mast was a large sphere of a lighter color than the mast. The midship section was built all the way to the gunwale. There were four guns on the forward deck, placed two-and-two behind shields. [redacted] 25X1
4. At Krasnaya Kuznitsa [redacted] three floating docks, two of which were of the usual type. One lay just north of the bay at the shipyard, and the other on the north side of the bay. The third was a pontoon 110 to 120 feet long, built of steel plates, and lying between the other two docks. [redacted] the pontoon can be used to lift ships, but that it does not have its own pumps and must be emptied with the aid of other equipment, e.g., one of the floating docks. [redacted] 25X1

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5. There was a trawler in the outermost dock, and there were several other apparently new trawlers in the shipyard. Outside the outermost dock lay a merchant ship of about 4,000 to 5,000 tons, apparently completely new. Many smaller ships lay in the shipyard bay.

6. The boat-building yard in the Dvina is number 112 [Redacted] Here there were five or six steel ships on the slips. They were all the same type, about 35 feet long, with a small pilot house, and no mast or stack. The aft part of the hull was much shallower than the forward part. Two propellers hung in rings stuck out from the ledge between the two parts of the bottom. The rudder was all the way aft. The ships were lying with the stern toward the main channel, so it was not easy to see the bow. [Redacted] there was nothing unusual about it. The ships were painted with red lead and seemed almost finished (see sketch).

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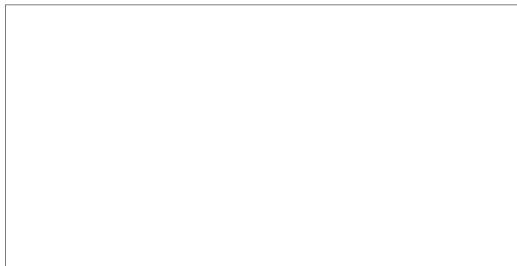
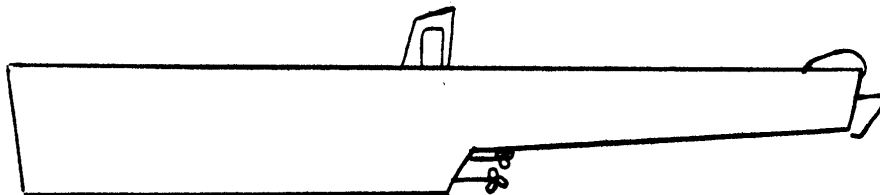
7. There is not much of a built-up area around the shipyard. There are no workshops, and only a few ordinary houses.

8. [Redacted] ship loaded at sawmills Nos. 3, 23, and 26. No. 26 is the lowest on the east bank, No. 142 [Redacted] No. 23 is on the west bank, No. 139 [Redacted] No. 3 is above the town, probably No. 122 [Redacted] A streetcar runs to the town just above the quay.

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Sketch of Soviet Vessel:



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