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1. During the night of 23/24 August 1954, searchlights were observed on the west side of Saaremaa Island and at the south entrance to Irben Strait. Between 0200 and 0400 a powerful searchlight was sighted on the northwestern spit of Saaremaa Island near Cape Undva, in approximate position 58° 30' N/21° 56' E. It was a most powerful searchlight which swept the sea at irregular intervals, the sector approximately between the north and the west. Although the distance from the source of light was about 12 miles, the beam of light and the luminous source were clearly visible. It appeared that the searchlight was emplaced in an elevated position. 25X1
2. During the same night and only a little later, a second searchlight was observed close to Vilsandi Lighthouse. This searchlight, of about the same power, also swept a large sector of the sea at irregular intervals and quite at random. The intervals were sometimes rather long. This searchlight was observed for about one hour. The approximate position of the searchlight was 58°23'N/21°51'E.
3. At about 0500 on 24 August 1954, a third searchlight was observed at the south entrance to Irben Strait. This source of light also was visible at a great distance and could be clearly made out. The position of this searchlight was identified as that of Ovisi Lighthouse. During all these observations, the searchlight beams were directed toward the sea and never swept the skies. 25X1



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