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4. Weather Weather was cold with daytime average temperature of 25°F and strong southeast winds that raised swell in and around harbor.

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11. Merchant Shipping Present

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A Polish merchant freighter was observed at anchor awaiting availability to bunker [redacted]

12. Oil Decks

[redacted] the only operational oil deck in subject port, [redacted]

[redacted] is used as a bunkering station. Several pipelines for transfer of various types of petroleum products were available at deck. [redacted]

[redacted] All oil decks were old run-down and in a poor state of maintenance.

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13. Military and Naval Installation A restricted and heavily guarded military and naval installation [redacted] extending

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from the west end of Basin No 7 to the Swanport outer harbor basin on the north side of the Kanal Portow. No shore batteries or antiaircraft batteries were observed. The area is crowded with buildings [redacted] and considerable activity among personnel was observed. [redacted]

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The basin [redacted] is reserved for mooring of small naval craft, and [redacted] only small navy launches present in subject port [redacted]

14. Supplies BALFIDA ship chandlers whose store [redacted]

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[redacted] was well stocked with supplies and provisions available to merchant mariners that were not available elsewhere in the city to local residents.

[redacted] Czechoslovakian goods, especially motorbikes and typewriters of excellent quality were for sale at moderate prices. Chandlers could supply fresh vegetables [redacted] if desired.

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15. Economic Conditions Representatives of [] agents in casual conversation 50X1-HUM
[] complained about the high prices of clothing and food. Two months' 50X1-HUM
wages were needed for a pair of shoes and four months' wages for a good suit. 50X1-HUM
Soap was a luxury, not obtainable by most consumers.

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