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Att. No. 1: A report giving observations of naval and merchant vessels in Novorossiysk

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six or seven light vessels, perhaps corvettes, at the naval pier.

one of these vessels, which put out to sea

every evening and returned every morning, had about 20 mast

antennas (each about seven meters high) placed along the full

length of the hull on both sides; and there were three other mast

antennas on the bridge. The corvette-like vessels had radar, one

76-mm gun forward and another aft, several machine guns, a lattice

mast, a single stack, a square stern, a flush deck, no markings,

and a hull about 300 feet long.

a submarine less than 120 feet long, which left Novorossiysk (no

further information). Attached to the report is a sketch of the

port showing berthing locations and port installations, and a

disbursements account for the vessel.

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Att. No. 2: A report on navigation and merchant vessels in Odessa

The report lists merchant vessels in the

port, and devotes six lines to port controls. Attached to the

report is a sketch of the harbor and legend for same, locating

vessel berths and installations. Also attached are two graphs

from the vessel's electric depth guage, which show the depths of

the port approaches to average three fathoms less than the depths

listed on the charts. The apparatus later refused to function, and

had failed in the past. The last attachments to this report are a

disbursement account and a time sheet.

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Naval and merchant vessels in port (numbers enclosed in parentheses correspond to those on attached sketch) 50X1-HUM

Merchant

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freighter [Redacted] (1).

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freighter [Redacted] (2), which left with a shipment of

lumber for MESSINA and SALERNO.

[Redacted]

oil tanker [Redacted] (3).

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(4), which loaded barley and oats for BREST.

A floating dock, about 1,000-ton capacity (5), with a tug in it.

The Sergio Laghi was also in port [Redacted]

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There were always ships in the roadstead, quite often tankers, waiting for berths.

Naval

At the naval quay (6) were 6-7 light vessels, perhaps corvettes,

[Redacted]

represented by a sketch [see original]. These vessels

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had radar, a 76-mm gun forward and another astern, several machine guns,

a lattice mast, single funnel, and the hull was about 100 meters long, with

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square stern [Redacted] One of these had about 20 mast antennas,

each about 7 meters high, placed along the full length of the deck on both

sides. There were three other mast antennas on the bridge, probably for

the radio. [Redacted] this last mentioned vessel put out to

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sea every evening and returned to port the following morning.

On the day of his arrival, [Redacted] a small submarine leaving the

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port. It was not over 40 meters long and had no [Redacted] or armament. [Redacted]

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Port facilities, etc. (numbers enclosed in parentheses correspond to those on attached sketch)

The cement pier (7) has facilities for berthing on both sides, and is built of stone, rising about 2 meters above water level.

The coal pier (8) has a large warehouse and heavy-capacity cranes.

The small shipyard (9), [redacted] work being done on 50X1-HUM the hulls of several unidentified small vessels.

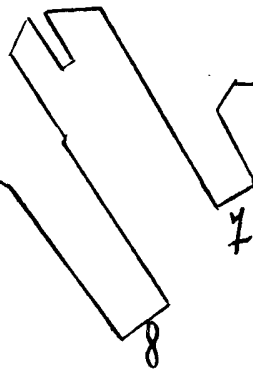
The grain pier (10) has a large masonry building and 3-4 large cranes running on rails.

The lumber pier has no cargo-handling equipment.

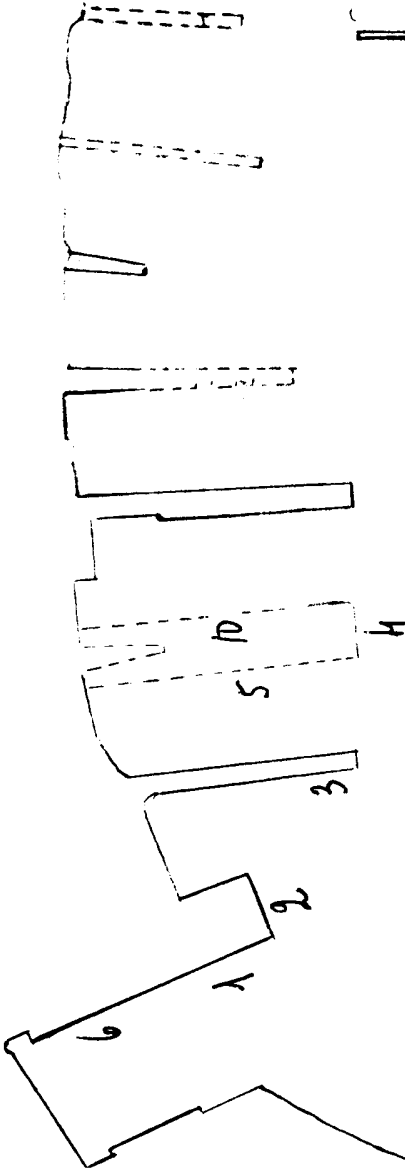
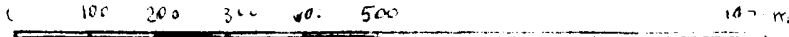
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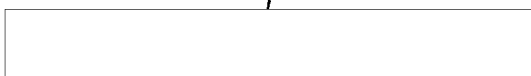
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Information and observations concerning navigation

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Coast ob.

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to the port of ODESSA

together with the steamship Lince, and to reach port first took a short cut between ZMEINYI (SERPENT'S) Island and the coast. During the passage, [redacted] the usual lighthouse appearing on the navigation chart. The vessel was not challenged, nor were there any patrol vessels in the area.

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Along the coast from Cape ZMEINYI (FIDONISI) to Cape FONTANA,

[redacted] four searchlight positions with the lights sweeping the immediate sea sector.

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Approach route. Approaching the port, [redacted] using the electric sounding apparatus. [redacted] the apparatus worked normally, but averaged 3 fathoms less than the depths listed on the navigation chart. The apparatus failed to work on the trip back, until the vessel's subsequent departure from CONSTANTIA (Rumania).

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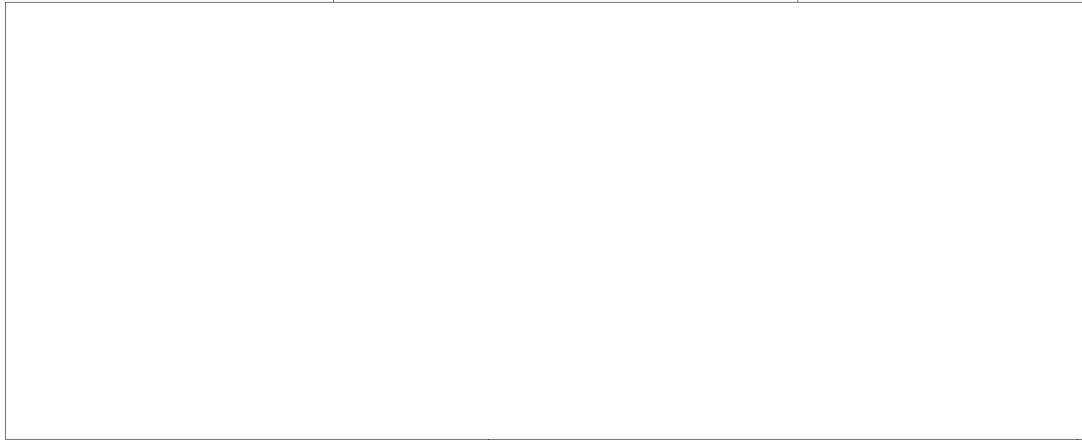
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Naval and merchant vessels in port



Naval

Three small Soviet naval motor tankers were idle at berth (1).

From vessel's berth (9), [redacted] the masts of 3-4 small naval vessels in the port area marked blue on sketch. [redacted]

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Merchant



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The [redacted] freighter [redacted] berthed (3) with a cargo of citrus fruits from PALERMO.

A 10,000-ton Soviet freighter (4) was unloading cargo in medium-size boxes.

An old Soviet freighter of about 6,000-7,000 tons (5) was unloading cargo in medium-size boxes.

An old Soviet freighter of about 6,000-7,000 tons (5) was unloading general cargo on forklifts which carried the cargo into a warehouse (A).

A new 10,000-ton Yugoslav motorship (6) was loading coal.

A new Soviet Standard-type tanker of about 10,000 tons (7), fully loaded, was in port all during [redacted] stay.

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[Redacted]

An old 20,000-ton Soviet transatlantic liner, two-funnelled, painted white (8), left port without passengers at the same time as [Redacted] vessel. 50X1-HUM  
Port facilities (numbers and letters in parentheses correspond to those on attached sketch)

Cargo warehouse (A) is a masonry building where [Redacted] 50X1-HUM  
tea, sugar, and lemons stored on a previous visit.

A masonry shed (B) is used for deposit of citrus fruits.

Four old barges (C) are used to transport goods inside the harbor.

Three buoys (D, E, and F) are placed in a triangle about 300 meters from the outer breakwater, perhaps to mark a wreck.

While berthed at (2), [Redacted] vessel was bunkered with 61 tons of 50X1-HUM  
fuel oil in about 2 hours by a barge equipped with 20-cm hose, and supplied  
with 30 tons of fresh water in about 2 hours from an outlet on the quay  
equipped with a 10-cm hose. 50X1-HUM

Miscellaneous information

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] new port is being constructed south of Cape  
FONTANA for the exclusive movement of coal. [Redacted] 50X1-HUM  
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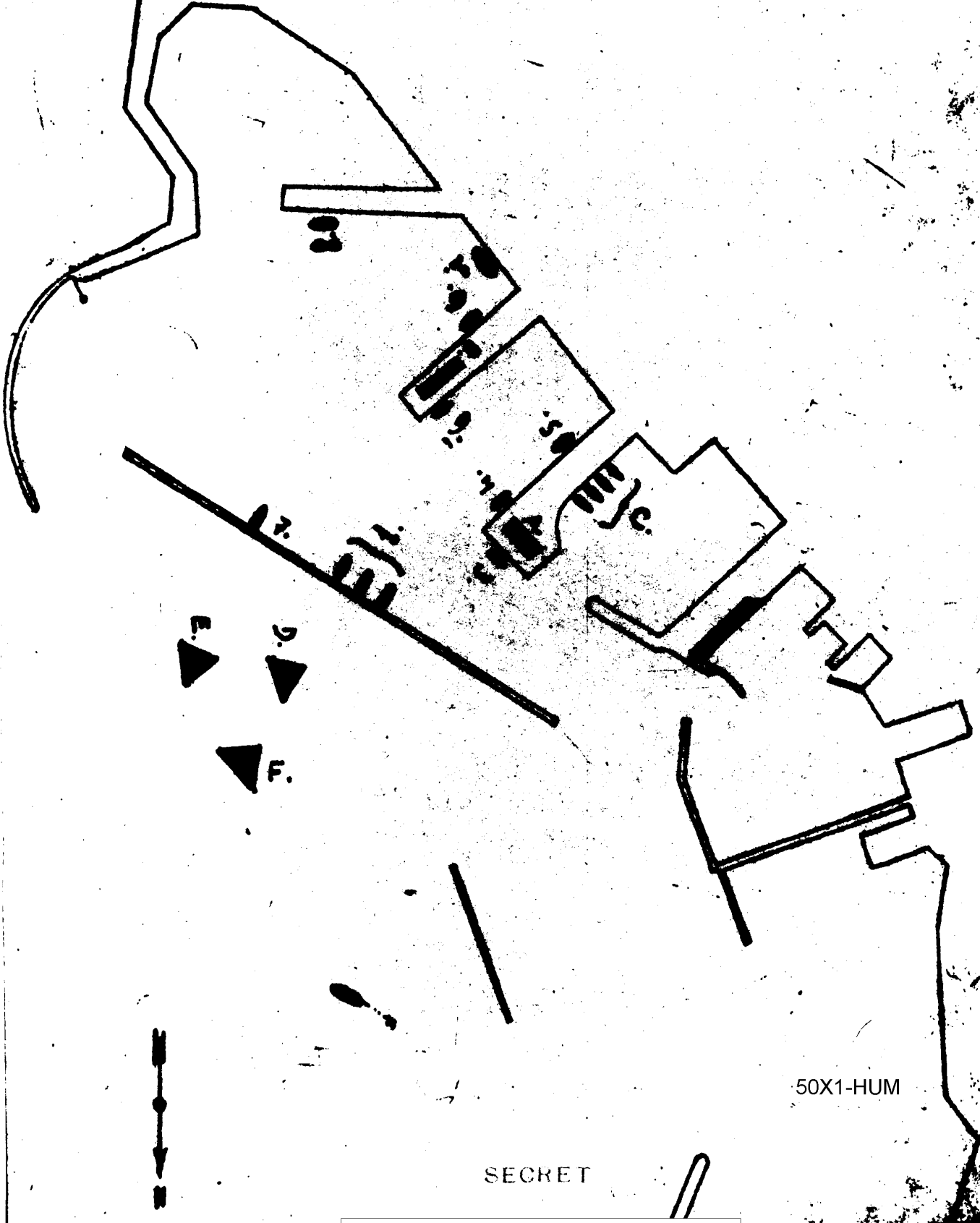
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