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Itinerary and Charter Information1. Port

Durrës

Gdansk

Remarks

Arrived in ballast. Loaded 2,769 tons chrome ore for Gdansk.

Discharged 2,769 tons chrome ore from Durrës. Departed in ballast.

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Discharged 2600 tons cement
Departed in ballast.

2. Charterers for the voyage from Durrës to Gdansk were Messrs "Centrozap" of Stalingrad.

Pilotage and Security Measures

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Port Facilities

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11. [redacted] there were two marginal wharves of concrete construction in good condition in the harbor. [redacted] the wharves could accommodate about two ships [redacted] at each siding. [redacted] about 21 feet of water existed alongside the piers. [redacted]

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12. Cargo was loaded by two Jib-type cranes (eight to 10-ton capacity). [redacted]
[redacted] The ore was off-loaded from trucks described as being in poor condition. [redacted]

13. [redacted] two small oil storage tanks at 41°15'20"N - 19°26'55"E. No further information could be ascertained. [redacted]

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14. [redacted] small shipway in the vicinity of 41°16'43"N - 19°27'40"E, which was for small coastal vessels. [redacted]

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15. [redacted] chrome ore was discharged in an efficient manner by means of grab type cranes (10-ton capacity) [redacted]

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Ships Observed

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16. [redacted] only two merchant vessels at Durres. Not much activity was observed in the port. One [redacted] tanker docked at 41°18'20"N - 19°26'55"E was seen, [redacted] One East German freighter docked [redacted]

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17. [redacted] a number of ships loading and discharging cargo [redacted]

General Observations

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18. [redacted] the people were friendly, and [redacted]
[redacted] Durres in [redacted] good condition. [redacted] many Albanian
soldiers there.

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19. [redacted] there was no commercial radio station in the city.

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20. [redacted] no black market existed in Durres. The official rate of
exchange was 100 lek for US\$1.

21. [redacted] Durres was now a more relaxed port
as far as security is concerned.

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22. [redacted]

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