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COUNTRY Hungary

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TOPIC Concentration of Small War Vessels on the Danube River

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REMARKS

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- F-3 1. Eighteen war vessels of the Soviet and Hungarian Danube flotillas were seen in the northern part of the Danube port of Baja, southern Hungary, in late May 1950. There appeared to be 6 Soviet and 12 Hungarian vessels, all of which carried one gun and two machine guns visible on deck. The machine guns were fitted with shields.
2. An acquaintance of source said that at times up to 34 vessels were seen. At such times some of the vessels anchored in the arm of the Danube near Dusnok, north of Baja. The vessels always arrive from the north and leave in the same direction after finishing their exercises. Such exercises are held at least three times a month.
- C-3 3. A concentration of 17 Soviet gunboats was observed at river kilometer point 1985 on 29 May 1950 and 2 June 1950. The vessels were about 22 meters long and had complements of 18 men, including three officers. *

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* Comment. It is not believed that the two groups of vessels reported are the same. A reinforcement of the Soviet Danube Flotilla in the area of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria has not been observed.

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