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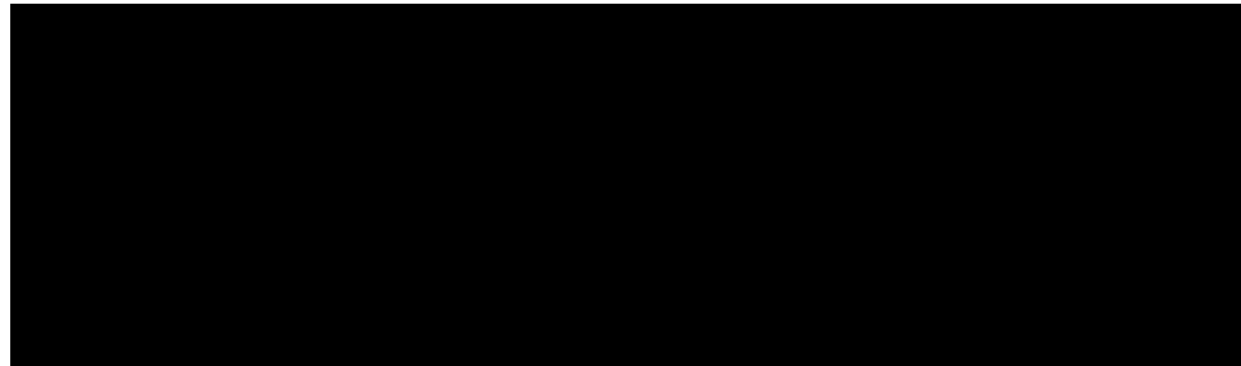
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I Etorofu Island in the Kurils. August 1948

Army Units

- 1. Military units on Etorofu Island are indicated on Attachment A. Headquarters, under the command of a lieutenant general with a major general as chief of staff, is located at Toshimoye.\*
- 2. As of the end of 1947, one brigade, in addition to the above-mentioned headquarters, was on the island as its garrison force.

Air Force Units

- 3. Air division headquarters [REDACTED] is located at Tennei (see Attachment A). There are approximately 100 planes (light bombers and fighters) based on the island. Airfields in use are located at Tennei and Toro.

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MVD Units

- 4. MVD frontier guard unit headquarters, under the command of a colonel, is located at Kurilsk (see Attachment A). Total MVD strength on the island is approximately 200 or 300 men.\*\*

Naval Units

- 5. There is no naval headquarters on the island. Material for constructing a naval base at Tankan (Hitokappu?) Bay was being stockpiled in August 1948.\*\*\*

II Kunashir Island in the Kurils. October 1948

Garrison Force

- 6. A garrison force representing various branches of the Soviet Army, under the command of a major general, is stationed on Kunashir Island.\*\*\*\*

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Anti-aircraft guns are seen all over the island (number unknown).\*\*\*\*\*

Fortifications

7. Fortifications are under construction all over the island. [REDACTED] 25X1X  
25X1X [REDACTED] are indicated on Attachment B. These were of a temporary nature, made of timber and sand bags.

Supplies

8. [REDACTED] 25X1X  
[REDACTED] supplies for several divisions are stocked on the island.

Attachments:

- A. Military Installations on Etorofu Island
- B. Fortifications on Kunashir Island.

25X1A \* [REDACTED] Comment: Judged from the standpoint of Soviet military organization, this headquarters is probably that of an army rather than a corps.

25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] Comment: It is believed that this headquarters is that of MVD Naval Frontier Guard units in charge of southern Kuril Islands.

25X1A \*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: The Japanese Navy's Pearl Harbor assault fleet was assembled and started from this bay.

25X1A \*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: It is believed that the major elements of the infantry division stationed on the southern Kuril Islands constitute the garrison force of Kunashir.

\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: At least one AAA regiment is believed to be stationed on the island.

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25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: It is believed that the military ranks given in this report are U.S. Army ranks rather than Soviet Army ranks.

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