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[redacted] a detailed report on naval observations and ship sightings [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
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[redacted] verbal descriptions of coastal installations and ships observed [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] are included in the report:

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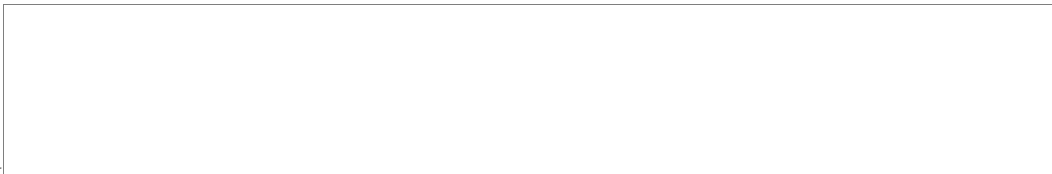
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Attachment No 2 -- Sketch taken from chart No 544;

Attachment No 3 -- Sketch of ~~the~~ port

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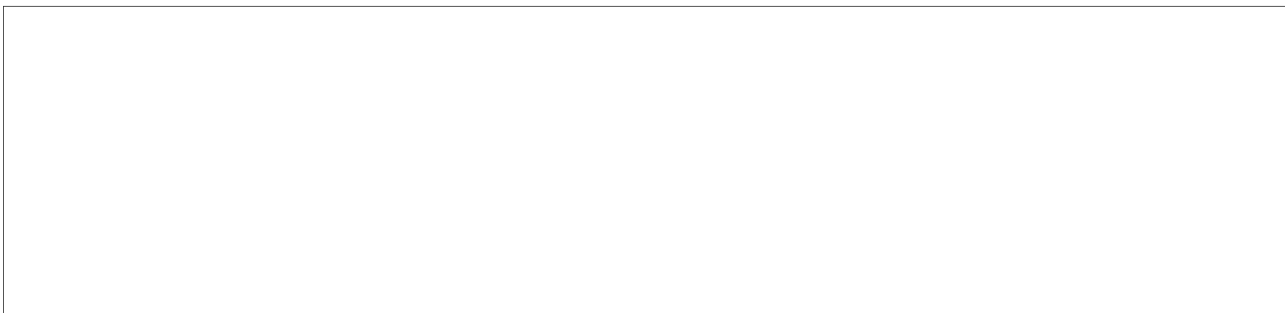
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ive sketches.

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A/ Notes and Observations

Objectives of the Coast; entrances to the port:

Observation conditions: Thick weather on the Coast



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(1) -- Cape PALI: Noticed a lattice-work tower or a structure approximately 20 meters high. due to the distance, the agent was unable to describe it.

(2) Inhabited place (see coast profile, attachment 2)

(3) Two large hoist cranes, approximately 200 meters apart, which apparently are along the coast<sup>2</sup>line where<sub>1</sub> wharf or a pier has been built.



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(4) Large lattice-work tower, approximately 30-40 meters high, pyramid-shaped on four sides, topped with an unidentified apparatus.

At its base, there are two structures, [redacted] unable to state precisely if they were made of masonry or of wood.

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[redacted] (5) Reafforestation Area.

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(6) Area of the Roman Gate. (Lat. 41 21 45 N - Long 19 25 35 E) (From point 3 to point 7, the coast makes an indentation and becomes very low.

(7) Large masonry structure with columns in front; and <sup>with</sup> ground floor and second floor. Apparently it is of recent construction.

(8) Area where excavations have been going on [redacted]

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(9) Lookout station.

(10) Lattice-work tower supporting a radar antenna [redacted]

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(11) Area where, with visual observation, embankments were noticed.

[redacted] excavations were made here three or four years ago.

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(12) Area where [redacted] two bunkers were seen;

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behind the first bunker there was a pole antenna approximately 20 meters high; and behind the second, there was a pole antenna approximately 15 meters high.

(13) Perhaps the cabin for transformation <sup>of</sup> electric energy.

(14) Four turrets, parallepiped-shaped, in a row, approximately 100 meters apart, in a straight line. The last one, at the top, disappears in the vegetation. [redacted]

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[redacted]

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(15) Road ?

(16) Area where there are some new structures: perhaps barracks.

(17) A pole antenna, large at the base and thin at the top.

Height, approximately 35 meters.

(18) Unidentified objectives

(19) Beacon of Cape

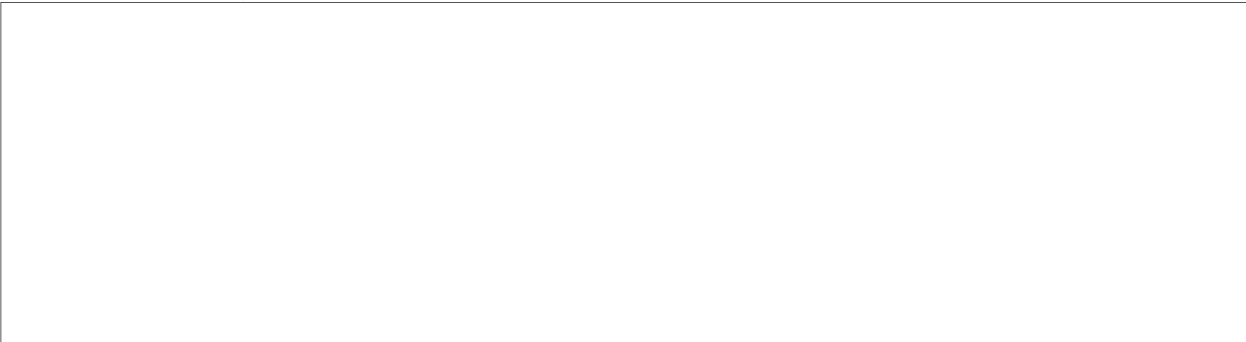
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(20) Former royal villa

(21) Area where, with visual observation at night, two search-light ~~units~~ were noticed.

22/ Area where there are numerous <sup>one-story</sup> structures of ~~one-story~~ <sup>ground-floor</sup> in red bricks: workshops and military <sup>motor vehicles</sup> ~~mechanical transports~~.

(23) <sup>Urban</sup> ~~Open~~ area



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9/ <sup>look-</sup> ~~Out~~-station

10/ Lattice-work tower supporting a radar antenna.

10a/ White structures with red roofs for undetermined use: perhaps military; in the vicinity, even noticed a transformation cabin, fen-

Cings and excavations in the rock.

10b/ Not too clear objective.

12/ Area where, with visual observation, noticed two bunkers; behind first there is a pole antenna, approximately 20 meters high and behind the second, there is an antenna approximately 15 meters

high.

16/ Area where there are some new structures: perhaps barracks

19/ Beacon of Cape [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(20) Former royal villa

20a/ Scaffolding [redacted] 50X1-HUM

21/ Area where, with visual observation at night, noticed two search light<sup>s</sup> units.

22/ Area where there are numerous workshops for military ~~transports~~ <sup>motor vehicles</sup>

(23) <sup>Urban</sup> ~~Open~~ area

24/ Two red masonry structures with red-tiled roofs; one has an outside stairway. The latter seems either of recent construction or repaired. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted]

25/ <sup>Red</sup> ~~Wrecked~~ structures with, perhaps, an encampment behind them.

26/ Half-sunk Greek steamer

27/ Area where, with visual observation, <sup>were</sup> ~~have been~~ noticed five gun emplacements with as many single medium-caliber guns (the agent defined them as "naval type") [redacted] 50X1-HUM

27a/ ~~Runway~~ Path.

28/ Road which leads to the structure

(29) Vegetation (trees) with a structure, perhaps <sup>-raks</sup> ~~barracks~~ in the center. On the left (that is, on the <sup>side</sup> ~~part~~ of the objective observed) -- noticed a structure with wire netting <sup>a little</sup> ~~object~~ higher than the surrounding trees; [redacted] A sketch follows: [ See sketch [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
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30/ <sup>Red</sup> ~~brick~~ masonry rectangular structure (approximately 7 meters wide and 4 meters high) Topped with a circular-shaped radar antenna of a 3-meter diameter, of circular movement (360 degrees). On the left <sup>ones</sup> (with back to the sea), above the trees, some red roofs can be seen.

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30a- Fencing

30b- Structure of which only the roof is visible: barracks

[Redacted]

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31/ Masonry structure with a red roof: barracks

[Redacted]

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✓(32) Tower. On the top there is an anti-aircraft gun.

32a / Entrances

[Redacted]

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33/ Embankment: ✓ anti-aircraft emplacement with four guns.

33a/ Embankment:

[Redacted]

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34/ Red, ground-floor, structure (barracks)

34a/ <sup>One-story</sup> ~~Ground-floor~~ structure (barracks)

35/ Embankment area, where several roads were noticed.

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35a/ Entrance?

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✓36/ Hotel (Before the ideological break between the USSR and Albania it was called HOTEL VOLGA; now, the name is not known

[Redacted]

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37/ Structure with many flags.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] it could be the headquarters of the Chinese <sup>Albanian</sup> Navigation ~~Society~~ Company.

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✓(38) Headquarters of the Harbor Authorities, Customs, Maritime Dispensary [redacted]

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(39) Warehouses of the Harbor Area

(40) 41/42/ -Mechanical Equipment of the Harbor Area.

(43) Western Pier

(44) Entrance to the Harbor Area

(45) Beacon at the Head of the Pier (43)

(46) Beacon at the head of the pier (47)

(47) Eastern outer pier: at the head there is a soldier on guard

(48) Area of the new <sup>working</sup> ~~operative~~ quay

(49) Military Zone

(50) Area of fuel depots

(51) Minaret [redacted]

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✓52/ Circular-shaped radar antenna of an approximate 3-meter diameter

set up on a platform approximately 6 meters long and 3 meters high

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✓53/ Rangefinder set up on a not-too-high platform.

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54/ Fencing.

55/ Emplacement of four guns [redacted]

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Prescribed and Landfall Courses; navigational aids :

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[redacted] Nothing in particular to point out

R/ Landfall course [redacted] and Course to Enter Port

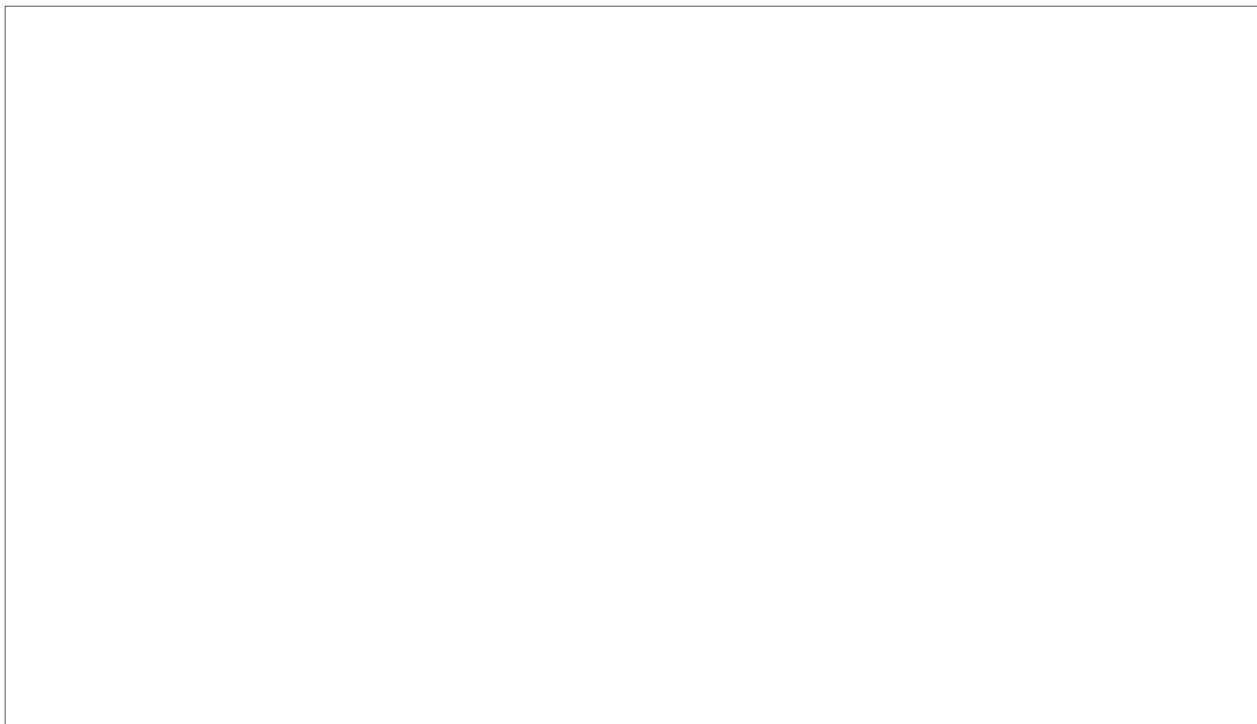
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Commercial Operations:

4,100 tons of iron ore were loaded in eight hours. The ~~place of~~ berth was at C. The ore loaded was ready along the quay (48)



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Surveillance

At the head (46) of the pier (47) noticed a sentry on guard



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At the head (45) of the pier (43) noticed a wooden sentry box.

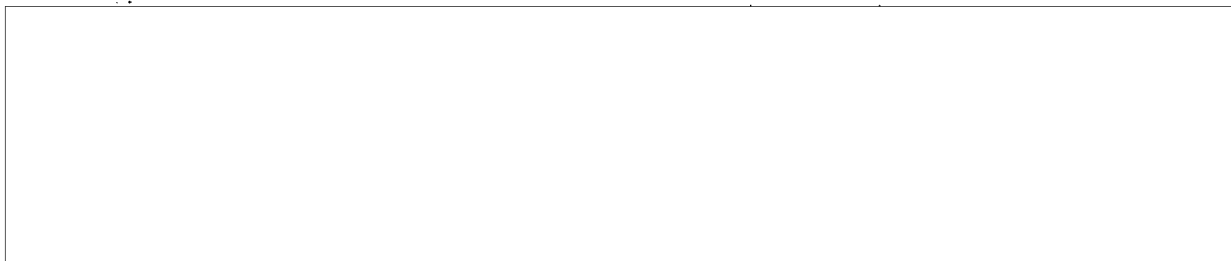
At (81) noticed a sentry box

At the ~~bottom~~ of every merchant vessel in port, noticed a soldier on guard.

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Water Hydrants Along the New Quay (48): Noticed three water hydrants near the berth# (C)

Military Vessels Noticed :

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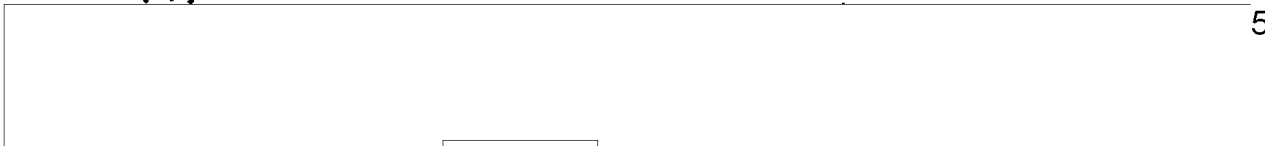
Two auxiliary ships,



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zone (49)



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(E) Motor-Patrol Boat



on the hauling-up slip of the

dockyard (63)



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(U) Small auxiliary vessels or steel fishing boats?

*and of J. [Yugoslavia?], and*

Communist Bloc Merchant Vessels,



Sighted

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a) In the roadstead --



the Albanian steamer

MATI loaded, <sup>S</sup> ~~with~~ smokestack



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The Chinese-Albanian motor ship "INTERNATIONAL" [redacted]

[redacted] Smokestack [redacted]

At the stern -- flag --

of the Albanian Merchant Marine. At the bow -- name of the merchant vessel in Latin and Chinese characters

Unloading Operation by Means of Lighters.

N.B. -- [redacted] is the MATI, ~~the document~~ went alongside the INTERNATIONAL.

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b/. In port, [redacted]

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-- The Albanian motor-ship "TEUDA" moored at (F); being unloaded of steel tubes of a 40-50 centimeter diameter. [redacted]

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-- The Albanian motor-ship "PARTIZANI" unloaded; moored at (J)

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-- The East German steamer "ROSTOK" moored at (Q)

- Motor ships of unknown name and flag; moored at (G). [redacted]

-- Two sailing-ships with auxiliary motors (names and flag unknown); moored at (H); [redacted]

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Sailing-ship with auxiliary motor (name and flag unknown) ; moored

at (I) ; [redacted] 50X1-HUM

-- The Albanian fishing boat moored at (K) [redacted]

-- Tugboat at (M) [redacted]

- ~~3~~ Four motor-fishing boats at (N) [redacted]

[redacted]

- 2 harbor craft (O) on the ~~caulking~~<sup>hauling</sup>-up slip of the dockyards, (63)

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- One sailing<sup>ship</sup>-boat with auxiliary motor at (P) [redacted]

- One sailing<sup>ship</sup>-boat with an auxiliary motor at (V) [redacted]

- The West German Motor-ship "STELLA" (S) [redacted]

- One small tank<sup>-er</sup> (T) - [redacted]

- One hydroplane (Z) - [redacted]

Harbor Area: Land and Sea Equipment - Shipyards; ~~fer~~<sup>-41</sup> depots - military zone

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38/ Headquarters of the Harbor Authorities

(40) --(40/a) Mechanical equipment of the western pier

(43) : Nine cranes ~~(513)~~<sup>(five (40))</sup> along the wharves No 1 and No 2;

and ~~for~~<sup>four</sup> (40/a) along wharf No 3

(41) Floating crane

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(43) Western pier (inner side)

(56) Ore

57/58/- Small tracked crane

59/ Wharf under construction (only diagram)

(60) Wooden pier

(61) Low depth area or under water obstacles (only diagram)



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(59) Wharf under construction

(60) Wooden pier

(62) Structure, of a ground floor and a second floor; in front of which can be seen the Albanian inscription, partially hidden by the leaves of a tree: "BANKA .....SHQIPTAR". It is immediately after the harbor area.

*Bank*

(63) Dockyard area

(64) New structure

48/ New <sup>working</sup> ~~operative~~ wharf

65/ Buoy marked with the No 3



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(48) New <sup>working</sup> ~~operative~~ wharf

(66) Illumination lamps of the area

67/ Piles of ore

(68) Three electric portal jib cranes with grab buckets, with the approximate capacity of 12 - 15 tons, traveling on tracks .

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(69) GANZ-type cranes of an approximate capacity of 5-7 tons, electric and traveling on tracks

(70) Grab crane of a 15-ton capacity, traveling on tracks: it is located <sup>toward</sup> ~~the middle of~~ the wharf and is used to move the material from the inside space towards the apron of the wharf

71/ Elevated tracks used by railroad cars for transporting ore [ ] 50X1-HUM  
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72/ Two railroad tracks running under the cranes (68) and (69) - [ ] 50X1-HUM  
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(73) Stretch of unquayed shore and in the process of being quayed.

74/ Objectives which [ ] was unable to identify. 50X1-HUM

75/ Various structures

(76) Pile-driver pontoon

77/ <sup>Floats</sup> ~~rafts~~ and pipeline for <sup>water works,</sup> ~~hydroplanes~~

77a- ~~Copper~~ Punt

(78) - Small wall: Beginning of military zone (49)

79/ - Pipe line

(80)- Structure

81) - Sentry box

82/ Two ( or three?) tall radio antennas .

83/ Various small structures of unknown use ,

84/ Water depots [ ] 50X1-HUM

85/ Three wooden <sup>sheds</sup> ~~barracks~~

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- 86/ Group of large sheds
- (87) Enclosure wall of the fuel depot area (50)
- 88/ High lattice-work tower supporting <sup>High-Tension</sup> ~~an~~ line (90)
- 89/ Construction crane
- 91/ Silhouettes of targets

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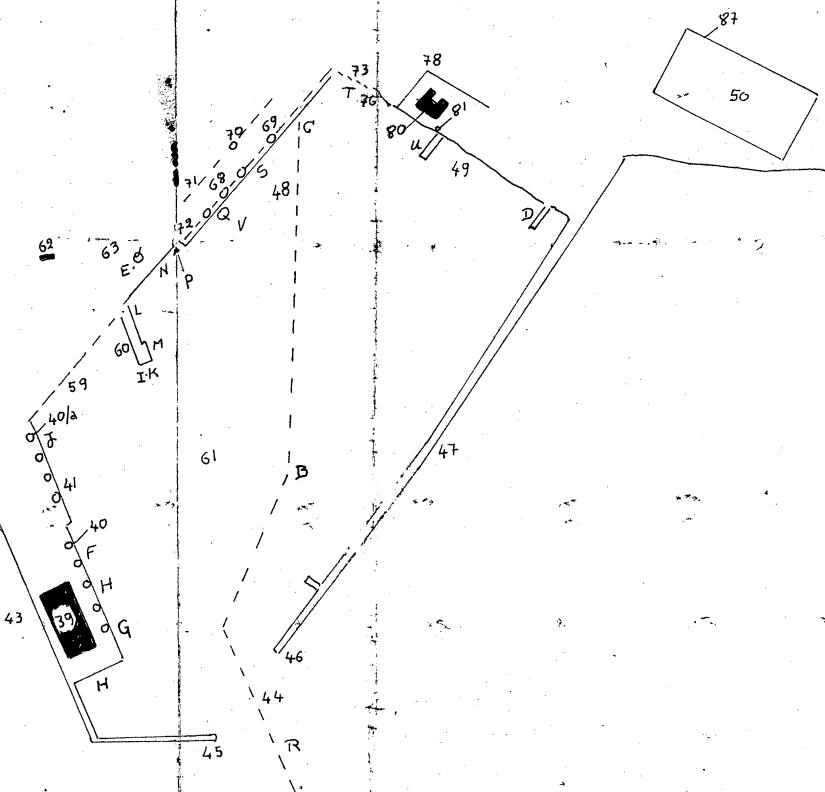
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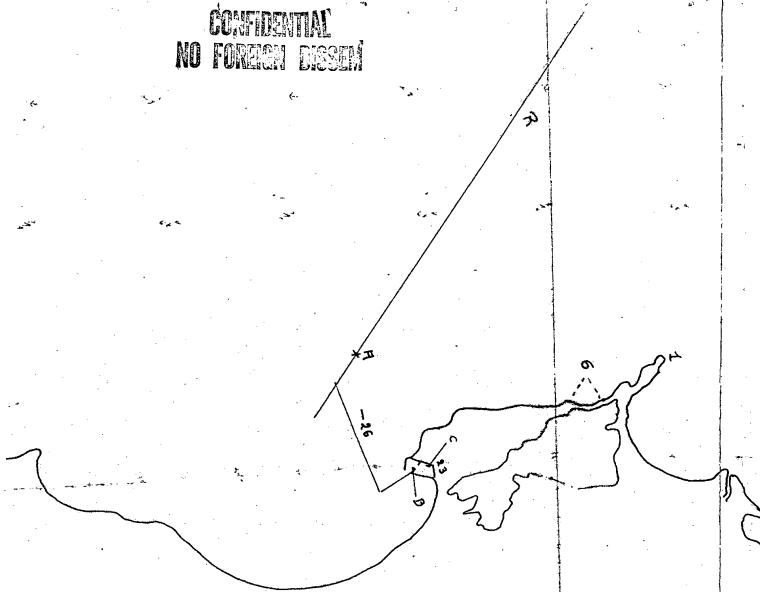


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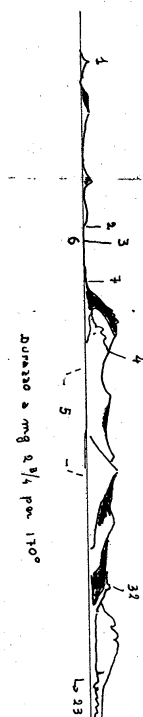
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