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INFORMATION REPORT

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2. [REDACTED] the harbor was large enough for three tankers of about 16,000 tons each and four freighters of normal size. The piers were in bad condition and obviously needed repair. The piers lacked cranes; however, there were some logs between the ships and the piers. About eight cranes were observed in the whole harbor; they were small size and were old models. The warehouses and surrounding buildings looked dilapidated, with broken window panes and sagging roofs. The local inhabitants were poorly clothed, especially the women.

3. A small shipyard was observed in which a trawler or small patrol boat was under construction.

4. Three former German passenger ships were seen in the harbor. [REDACTED] white. Also seen were seven fishing vessels, [REDACTED] whaling boats, with large housing amidships for a large crew. These were not standardized types, but were of various sizes. There were only a few small patrol boats in the harbor. No warships were sighted at sea on the trip through the Black Sea.

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