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1. No work is at present in progress on raising several wrecks sunk in Polish waters, the salvaging of which had formerly been decided upon. Some preliminary work had already been carried out in this connection.
2. It is officially given out that Poland lacks the necessary equipment to carry out the salvaging operations involved, and that the western powers have refused to loan theirs.
3. pontoons suitable for this work are available in the port of Warnemuende, but the Soviets, who are anxious to appropriate the wrecks after salvaging them, purposely refuse to loan the equipment to Poland and are trying to find some excuse to carry out the salvaging operations themselves. 25X1
4. Moreover, the employees of the Polish Ship Salvage Enterprise (Polskie Ratownictwo Okretowe-PRO) are making no effort to raise the wrecks with the existing salvage equipment, because, they say, the Soviets are sure to appropriate the wrecks, if salvaged, anyway; and they, the PRO personnel, would not even receive a premium for their work.

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