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INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNTRY	Bulgaria	REPORT	[REDACTED]	25X1
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Port Entry and Control

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1. [REDACTED]

2. One of the officials of the State Maritime Agency is Kostj (lnu).

3. [REDACTED]

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4. The harbor entrance which is 30 meters wide is closed with buoys from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. or 8 a.m.

Port Installations (Reference is made to Appendix A)

[REDACTED]

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5. The quay in Burgas is approximately 1500 meters long. Ships can tie up along the quay except near the fish market where the water is shallow. The water along the quay is five fathoms deep, along the quay of the breakwater, three to five fathoms, and in the middle of the harbor, six fathoms.

6. The natural and artificial quays have a base of stone and upper section of concrete. A curving quay is built along the coast line starting west of the custom house control building (location not specified) and continuing as far as the fuel depots (location not specified). Ships will be able to tie up to this quay.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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- 7. There are five warehouses in the harbor area. Three of these are old and about 30 x 20 meters, and two are new and about 20 x 15 meters in size. There are no silos in the port area.
- 8. The electricity for lighting the port is generated by a diesel powered generating plant located on the eastern side of the harbor (see Appendix A).
- 9. There is a stationary crane of seven ton capacity located at the end of the quay along the breakwater. There are two 5-ton and two 10-ton cranes mounted on rails. All of these cranes are in working order.

- 10. [redacted] construction work is being continued on a building of unknown function which was started during the German occupation (see Appendix A). This is probably identical with the construction of a 3-story, 30 x 40 meter customs house [redacted]

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Port Activity

- 11. [redacted] tankers² ply between Constanta and Burgas. These ships dock at the inside of the south breakwater and discharge their cargoes of petroleum through a single 20-30 centimeter steel pipeline laid on the breakwater and extending to fuel depots located outside and west of the harbor area. Tank cars drawn up between the station and the harbor were filled with petroleum through extensions to the pipeline.
- 12. Five or six 20-30 ton Bulgarian tugboats and two dredges were anchored near the fish market in the western part of the harbor.

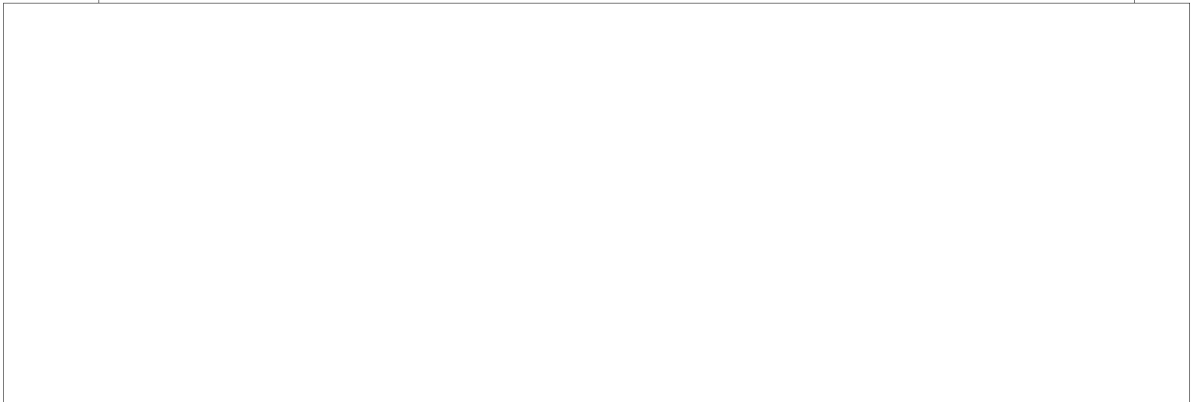
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- 13. [redacted] the following ships visited Burgas [redacted]

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b. Two Soviet ships, one of which was about 6000 tons, arrived in ballast and loaded chrome; and

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- 15. [redacted] ships in Burgas [redacted]

a. A 3000 ton Soviet ships which was in the Burgas harbor [redacted] loaded maize and left for an unknown port;

b. [redacted] a 2000 ton Soviet ship and a 1500 ton Soviet ship arrived in Burgas in ballast and loaded wine barrels;

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- c. Near the beginning of March a 2500 ton Soviet ship loaded a lead grey powder partly from the quay and partly from railroad cars drawn up beside the quay;



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- 16. [redacted] ships currently tie up at the end of the quay along the eastern breakwater. Formerly this location was reserved for Bulgarian patrol boats. Eight 50-60 ton patrol boats [redacted] were moored to the western breakwater. None of them left the harbor from 4 February to 17 March because of ice flows and bad weather.

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Military Information

- 17. [redacted] artillery fire was heard coming from the direction of Sozopol continuously from early morning until 7 p.m. each day [redacted] this firing was from shore batteries. Another [redacted] who asked the reason for gunfire was told that ice flows were being blasted.

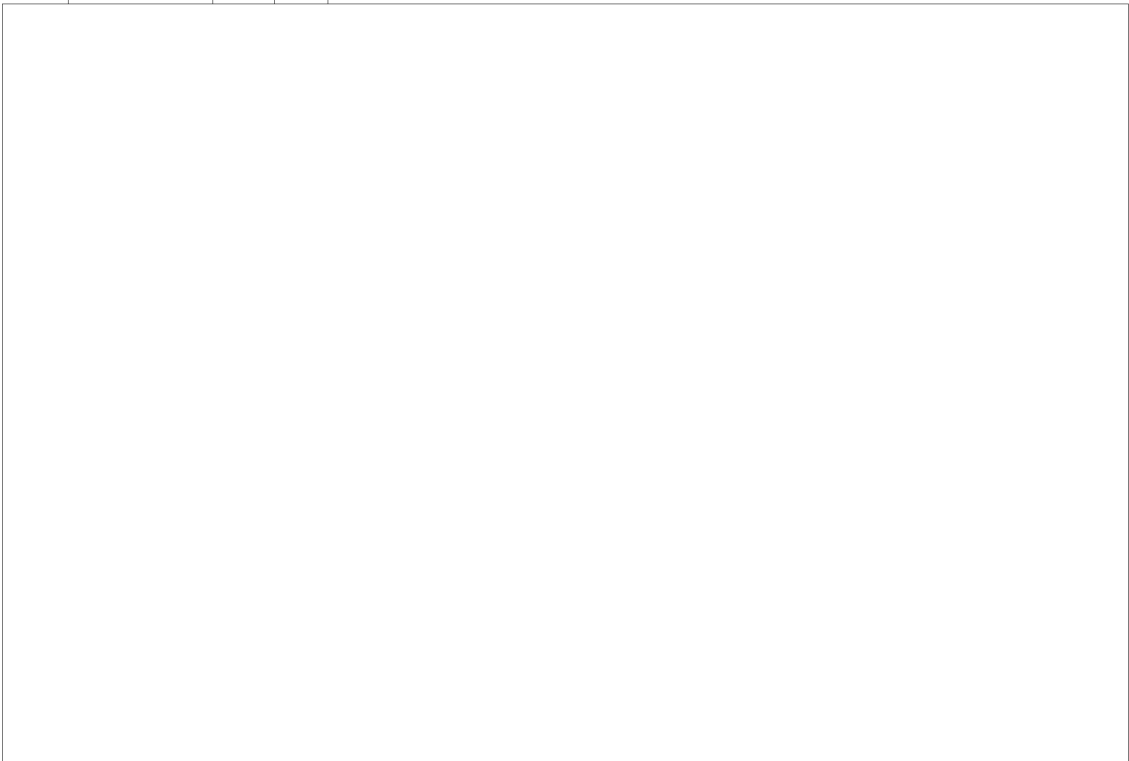
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- 18. During the early part of February, machine gun fire coming from the shore due north of Burgas was heard.

- 19. No military vehicles or motorized equipment were seen in Burgas. There was a remarkable concentration of young second, first and senior first lieutenants. [redacted] also [redacted] a small number of captains and majors.



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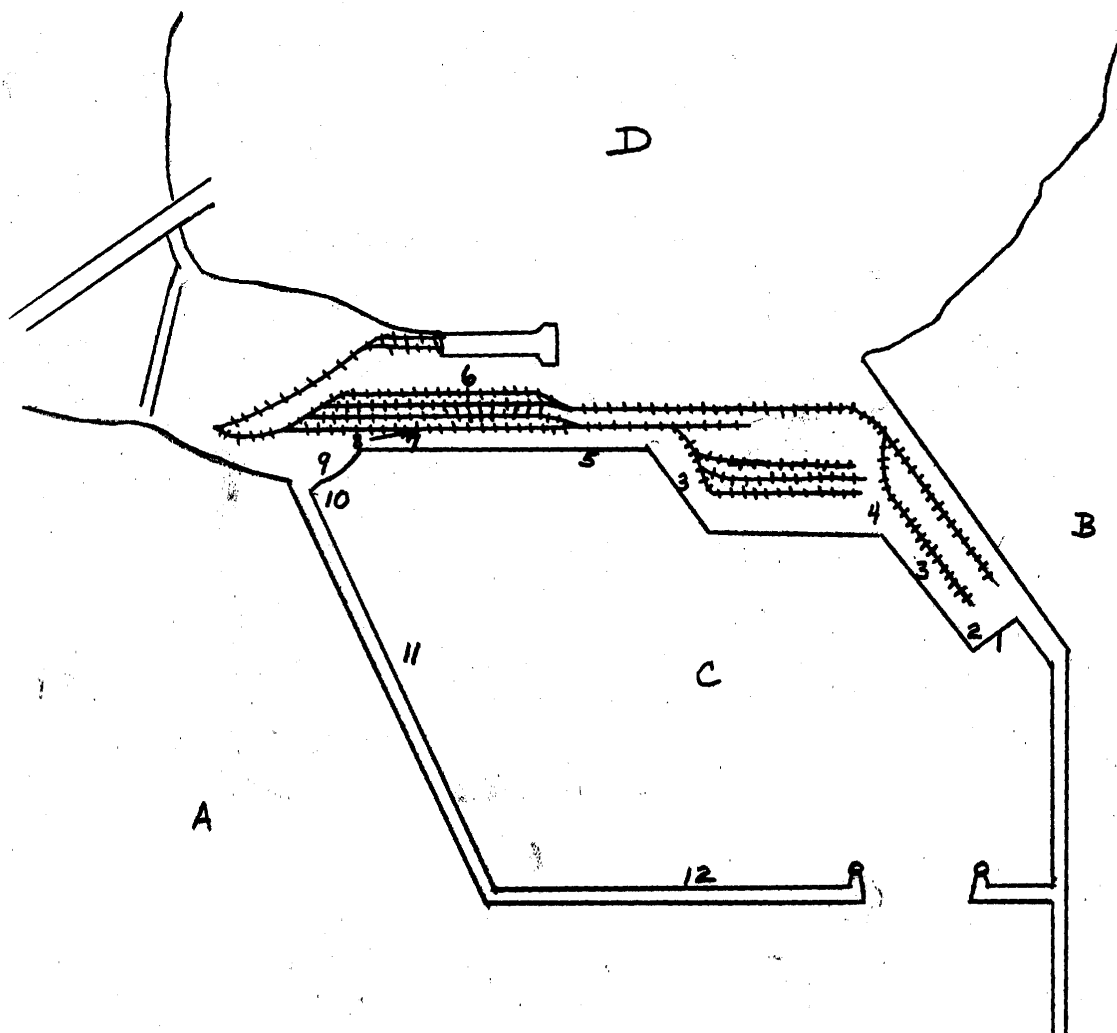
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Key to Appendix A

1. 25X1
 2. Stationary crane
 3. New warehouses
 4. Electric power house
 5. 25X1
 6. Old warehouses
 7. Building under construction (probably customs house)
 8. Loading area for tank cars
 9. Fish market
 10. Mooring area of Bulgarian tugs
 11. Mooring area of Bulgarian patrol boats
 12. 25X1
- A. Gulf of Burgas
 - B. Black Sea
 - C. Harbor
 - D. Burgas City

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