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- Between 15 and 20 September 1953, while enroute to Murmansk, [redacted] a gun emplacement on a little hill between the lighthouse and the large cove of the peninsula on the east side of Cape Pogan (N 69-25, E 33-26). The emplacement consisted of two turrets with single-barreled guns of 250 or 280 mm. caliber, and was camouflaged with shrubs and small trees. Nearby, there was a signal mast on which the international flag K was hoisted. [redacted] ship obeyed the order to stop. The ship was stopped again off Toros Island (N 69-19, E 33-27) by a signal hoisted on a mast in a battery emplacement of two twin-barreled armored turrets, with guns of an estimated caliber of 250 or 280 mm. This emplacement was in position N 69-18-07, E 33-28-04. A third stop signalled by letter K was made off Syedlovatyy Island (N 69-16, E 33-28), on which no emplacements were seen. Here an officer and a soldier came aboard. After a search of about one and one-half hours, during which the radio antennas were hauled down and the radio equipment, binoculars, and cameras were sealed, [redacted] ship continued under the guidance of the pilot, while the soldier walked the deck and the officer attempted to prevent close observation of the coast. He repeatedly warned the ship's officers and the personnel on the bridge to look out only in the direction of the ship's course. 25X1
- Antiaircraft batteries seen on the starboard side of the incoming ship during passage through the Kola Inlet were at the following locations: Retinskiy Cove on the height (N 69-06-54, E 33-21) near a lake which had no name, on German chart D 1195, 1944 edition, X; Kondratkin Spit on height 79 (N 69-04-54, E 33-09) near Kulonga Cove; a hill (N 69-04-32, E 33-06) between the two rivers emptying into Kola Inlet near height 113; height 157 (N 69-04-18, E 33-04), northeast of the mouth of the Gremukha River; the hill (N 69-02-24, E 33-01) between height 114 and the shore of Kola Inlet; south of the mouth of the Lavna River on height 122 (N 69-01, E 33-00); the height (N 69-00-24, E 33-01) south of Minkino; the hill (N 68-59-48, E 33-01) northwest of Goryacheva; the hill (N 68-59-30, E 33-01) southwest of Goryacheva between height 152 and the shore of Kola Inlet. Antiaircraft emplacements on the port side of the incoming ship included one on height 186 (N 69-02-36, E 33-06) and one on height 107 (N 69-02-18, E 33-06), both north of Rosta (N 69-01, E 33-05). Two batteries of four six-barreled mortars, emplaced 50 to 60 meters apart in a circle behind low earth ramparts, were about 100 meters from the shore on the northeast slope of height 85 (N 69-04-48, E 33-21), which faced Kola Inlet and was called Shavor Spit on Varlamova Cove. 25X1

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3. At the foot of Algysh Spit (N 69-05, E 33-26), there was a wooden pier, between 150 and 200 meters long, near which three or four three-story, gray, stone buildings with sloping roofs were located. [REDACTED] these buildings were barracks. Similar buildings were situated in the vicinity of the piers at Varlamova Cove near Varlamova (N 69-04-42, E 33-24). Low one-story stone buildings, apparently workshops or garages, were also in the area. There were two piers built of piles and planking which were similar to those at Vayenga Bay (N 69-05, E 33-27). An empty floating dock with an estimated lifting capacity of 15,000 to 20,000 tons was north of Grassni (N 69-03-42, E 33-18), near the shore of Grassni Cove. A naval seaplane base with two ways was located in a cove on the east side of Rosslakova Bay (N 69-03-1b, E 31-12). Twelve twin-engined seaplanes were tied to buoys moored in the cove. A crane with a long boom was near one of the two ways, and two sheds, each from 60 to 70 meters long, with barrel roofs, were further inland. A half-glazed workshop (sic), about 100 meters long and 15 meters high, with skylights, was close to the water's edge, not far from three other buildings and two small sheds or workshops located toward Rosta. A large stationary crane with an estimated lifting capacity of 20 to 30 tons was between the pier and the large workshop. There were no building slips or marine railways. No barracks were seen. There was a naval installation north of the village of Rosta. 25X1
4. Four destroyers tied up side by side in groups of two were berthed on the north and south sides of the pier at Rosta. In the angle which this pier formed with the shore, was moored a floating dock containing a destroyer about 150 meters in length. The latter was a sister ship of the two destroyers berthed on the north side of the pier. They had a clipper bow, a square stern, and a raised forecastle which sloped down aft of the bridge to the height of the upper deck. There was a gun turret on the forecastle. The short squat forward stack was aft of the stepped bridge, which had a tripod mast on its after section. The after stack on the upper deck was smaller. Torpedo mounts were located between the two stacks and aft of the second stack. There were two guns behind protective shields on top of a cabin superstructure on the fantail. A third gun was aft on the deck. The two destroyers tied up to the south side of the pier were about 120 meters long, had a clipper bow with raised fore-castle as far as the square stern, and were armed with a gun behind a protective shield on the forecastle. The forward smokestack, aft of the box-shaped bridge, with a short tripod mast in its rear part, was slightly raking and had a slanting smoke hood. The after stack, which also had a slanting smoke hood, was a little shorter and was in front of a short mast. A torpedo mount was located between the two stacks. Low structures, which [REDACTED] were torpedo mounts, were on deck, and two guns, with protective shields, were mounted one behind the other, on the fantail. 25X1
5. [REDACTED] ship berthed alongside the pier south of Rosta, across from Minkino (N 69-00-30, E 33-01), and was boarded by an examination party of three officers and 15 soldiers, who searched the ship for two hours. Three officers searched the ship for newspapers and magazines on the following day. The quay, which was built of wood and had a wooden floor, was between 250 and 300 meters long and was surrounded by a mesh wire fence. The pedestrian gateway was guarded by a soldier. Another gateway was used by railroad cars and trucks. There were four railroad tracks between the quay wall and a one-story wooden shed which had a small ramp on the water front. The doors of the shed were closed. Informant's ship took on 7,000 tons of phosphate from Kola for East Germany. The phosphate arrived in railroad cars and was unloaded with shovels by two workers on each of ten cars shunted on three tracks. The phosphate was subsequently dumped by three cranes mounted on railroad cars and then dropped in the ship's holds by a floating crane. The 7,000 tons of phosphate were taken on in ten-hour day and night shifts from 16 to 19 September. Soviet workmen from 40 to 50 years of age and women and children unloaded the phosphate from the cars to the quay and stowed the cargo in the holds. 25X1
6. Murmansk had no sewage system and appeared neglected and dirty. Crew members were constantly molested by begging children. [REDACTED] noticed numerous soldiers and many women in uniform. 25X1

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