

# CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT

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1. [redacted] ship was in the port of Arkhangelsk [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] The ship sent its estimated time of arrival at Arkhangelsk (ETA) from Cape Svyatoy Nos (N 68-10, E 39-48). The Arkhangelsk radio station was called but it did not answer. [redacted] 25X1
2. The pilot came aboard alone at the Dvina Lightship. He said that the lightship was set up permanently in that position. [redacted] schooner-rigged vessel equipped with an auxiliary engine at anchor at the control station. There were some cadets aboard the vessel. [redacted] 25X1
3. There were three or four large 3,000-ton steel barges on the Dvina River. One of the barges which came up the river had no deck cargo, and [redacted] it was carrying coal. 25X1
4. [redacted] ship loaded at Sawmill No. 2 on Brevennik Island (N 64-39, E 40-32). The ship had to drop anchor a short distance above the quay and wait for twenty-four hours for a berthing space at the quay. The quay itself was constructed of waste timber with walls of vertically-placed planks. There was room for two ships alongside the quay. The guard gave permission for a sounding to be taken; the water depth alongside the quay was twenty-four feet. There were no cranes on the quay, and the only buildings on the quay were a little guardhouse and a canteen. 25X1

5. [redacted]
6. [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

7. The workers on the quay had a twelve-hour shift with a short break for meals. There did not seem to be any commercial enterprises in the settlement on Brevennik Island. There was a small steam ferry from the island; the representative of the Seamen's Club recommended that the ship's personnel take the large ferry which went directly to Arkhangelsk. [REDACTED] ferry departed every other hour until about 1900 or 2000 hours.

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8. There was a shipyard located on the east bank of the Dvina River, a short distance below Sawmill No. 2. The shipyard was a short distance beyond a big bend in the river. There were about ten or fifteen wooden vessels at the shipyard. [REDACTED] they were fishing vessels. They were forty or fifty feet long, and some of them were almost completed. [REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED] old bridge between Solombala and Arkhangelsk one afternoon about 1800 hours. [REDACTED] new bridge was under construction about 300 to 400 meters farther up the inlet. It was a high flat bridge which rested on moulded pillars. The central section had not been completed.

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10. When [REDACTED] leaving Arkhangelsk, the shipping agent procured a tugboat to assist the ship in getting away from the quay. As the [REDACTED] ship was leaving the area, it passed a Soviet cargo vessel of about 4,000 or 5,000 DWT at anchor at Chizhov Island. The ship did not appear to have any cargo

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