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1. [REDACTED] ship was en route to Kem (N 64-59, E 34-48), in June 1954, it sailed close to the buoys at Pervyy Troitskiy Shoal (N 65-13, E 36-04) and from the straight across to the west until it cleared Solovetskiy Island (N 65-08, E 37-30). 25X1

2. Both Anzerskiy Island (N 65-08, E 36-12) and Solovetskiy Island were wooded. On Golgotha Hill on Anzerskiy Island there was a house with a tower built on it. On Solovetskiy Island there was a group of houses at Sosnovaya. There was also a high factory chimney visible at this point. [REDACTED] it was part of a fish cannery. 25X1

3. [REDACTED] a group of houses at Dolgaya Bay (N 65-05, E 35-48) and a large settlement at Solovetskiy. 25X1

4. Northwest of Severnyy Kemskiy Bank (N 65-10, E 35-16) there was a small vessel which [REDACTED] was a guard boat. It had one stack [REDACTED]. 25X1

5. [REDACTED] The islets around Rombak were bare. On the island group south of Rombak there was some brush. 25X1

6. The ship moored at the quay north of No. 6 on the German city plan. The southern part of the quay had completely collapsed and could not be used. It was said that the damage had been caused by ice. At the loading quay there was just enough room for one ship. [REDACTED] ship loaded down to a depth of 18 feet and it touched bottom on the shore side at low tide; just off the quay-side it was deep enough to float the ship when loaded. The continuation of the quay beyond the sawmill area toward the north was called the harbormaster quay. [REDACTED] 25X1

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- [ ] a 3,000-ton barge completely loaded with uncut timber at the quay. Another barge of the same type moored at the quay when the first barge departed. Both barges were towed by large tugboats. 25X1
7. The quay at No. 5 on the map was in a state of collapse from a point about three-quarters of the way out from shore. The undamaged part of the quay was used by small harbor vessels. [ ] 25X1  
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8. At No. 18 on the city plan there was a large number of buoys on shore. In the bay at No. 6 there was a small repair slip. The winches looked as though they were manually operated. Several small barges were on shore above the slip. No work was being done on them. On the north side of the bay at No. 7 there was a small pier which was used by small boats [ ] The bay at No. 17 was used as a holding place for uncut timber. There were three or four places for small lumber there. Inside the bay there was a small quay at square S4 on the city plan. The small lumber towboats often moored there. 25X1
9. Yak Island (N 64-59, E 34-49), [ ] was completely wooded. [ ] The bay just across from the loading quay was used as a bathing and swimming area. The swimmers went over there from the quayside. [ ] 25X1  
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10. The sawmill was at No. 1 and the sawmill's offices were in the vicinity of No. 10. There were two gates to the sawmill area. One led to the harbormaster quay. This was the gate that the ship's crew had to use when they left the area. [ ] The other gate was just behind the sawmill offices. At this point there was an armed female guard. None of the ship's crew could go through that gate except in the company of a Soviet. [ ] the reason for this procedure was the danger of fire, and [ ] 25X1  
[ ] When they wanted to go into town they went through the gate at the harbormaster quay, along the railroad line, and around the entire sawmill area. The road to town was on the west side of the lumber yards. [ ] 25X1  
armed male guards on that road.
11. The railroad station was on the north side of the railroad line a short distance up from the quay. It was a three-story building. [ ] persons waiting at the station and [ ] passenger trains departed from there [ ] On the track from the station down to the quay there were tank cars [ ] 25X1  
[ ] A new tank car arrived every other day. The cars carried water to the sawmill; the water was transported from the tank cars in barrels. [ ] 25X1  
[ ] that was the only water supply for the area. [ ] 25X1  
[ ] lumber was sent by rail from Kem to Leningrad. 25X1
12. The settlement west and southwest of the sawmill consisted only of residential buildings. The Seamen's Club was in the vicinity of No. 12. There was no entertainment at the club [ ] The streets in the settlement had either plank or sawdust surfaces. From the settlement there was a road leading west to Kem. [ ] 25X1  
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13. Twice [ ] in Kem a small passenger vessel came in to the "harbor-master" quay. The vessel was very much like the old Norwegian fjord boats, such as the OSTER in Bergen. There were both civilian and military personnel aboard the boats. [ ] the servicemen were on leave. 25X1
14. At quay No. 5 on the German city plan there were two small ships at night. The ships were always out in the daytime, and they were manned by naval personnel. One day one of these boats went out and took soundings a short distance out from the lumber loading pier.
15. On the return trip from Kem, [ ] ship met a large Soviet icebreaker west of Vardø. This vessel had two yellow stacks with a blue band around them and black tops. It was towing a floating crane with the crane arms in a lowered position. It was being towed to the east, from Leningrad to Murmansk [ ] 25X1

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