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1. [redacted] ship entered Kola Bay on 25 August 1954, it received orders at 0515 hours from a small guard vessel to leave the bay and proceed eastward toward Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10) and wait there for further orders. 25X1
2. Between 0600 and 0700 hours, a large naval force came out of the bay along the western shore, proceeding in two groups. The first group consisted of two cruisers and four destroyers, and the second group, which was six to eight nautical miles behind the first, was made up of two cruisers and eight destroyers. The cruisers in each group held a parallel course but they were not in line with each other. [redacted] 25X1
The vessels sailed about fifteen miles. It was not possible to see what course they took after they left the bay.
3. When the first group passed [redacted] no details could be observed. The second group passed at a distance of four or five miles. All four cruisers seemed to be of the same size. The two cruisers in the second group had different hulls, but all four cruisers had two stacks each. On one cruiser in the second group there was a break in the deckline aft of the bridge. The other had two constructions which projected out on the sides, one at the captain's bridge and the other aft the second stack. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] destroyers [redacted] were somewhat similar and [redacted] their length was more than half that of the cruisers.
4. After all the ships had departed [redacted] fifteen to twenty very small naval vessels, probably MIBs [redacted] appeared on the west side of Kildin Island and sailed directly north at high speed. The vessels moved in line formation, with a distance of two to three hundred meters between the ships. 25X1 25X1
5. [redacted] some firing could be heard in the bay area. It was impossible to determine what type of firing it was. At 0750 hours, the Kara Sea pilot informed the ship that it could continue its journey into Murmansk. 25X1

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6. There was a slight sea and good visibility when these observations were made. There were two other merchant vessels nearby. One was a Soviet ship which received permission to remain on the west side of the bay.

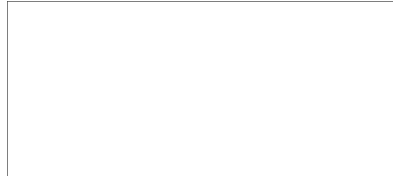


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7. ship went into Kola Bay, nine MTBs were maneuvering on the east side of the bay in the vicinity of Truva Bay (N 69-10, E 33-42). the vessels just sailed back and forth. The speeds of the various ships varied greatly. Two destroyers were at anchor in Rosta (N 69-03, E 33-05), but no details were observed.



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