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1. [Redacted] ship was en route to Arkhangelsk, four or five small old naval vessels were observed maneuvering north of Dvina Lightship. Each vessel was about 100 feet long, and it had a short forecastle, a bridge superstructure, one stack near the bridge, and several covered guns or other equipment on the afterdeck.

[Redacted] One of the vessels was towing a target but no firing was observed. Visual signals were sent to the vessels from a signal station on shore about five miles north of Dvina Lightship. [Redacted] a large number of barracks near the signal station. Some of the vessels went in to the station [Redacted]

2. [Redacted] ship loaded at Sawmill No. 2 on Brevennik Island (N 64-39, E 40-32). About 200 to 300 meters from the quay there were three large sheds under construction. Work was in progress on the roofs. [Redacted] the sheds were to be used for a barking installation since they were located in the area where the barking was done. No roads were observed in the area.

3. At the wood-shavings quay a great deal of lumber was being loaded on barges. [Redacted] the lumber was stored on the island [Redacted] There was a dredging machine with scoops at work off Sawmill No. 16-17. When [Redacted] ship left the harbor it passed a hopper-barge, which was being towed to Chizhov Island (N 64-45, E 40-33).

4. The bridge between Solombala and Arkhangelsk was finished on the Arkhangelsk side. [Redacted] no indication that there would be a span in order to open the bridge. He estimated the height of the pillars to be about fifteen meters.

5. [Redacted] one aircraft in Arkhangelsk. It was a twin-engined, propeller-driven aircraft which landed at Keg Island (N 64-32, E 40-28).

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6. [Redacted] a number of naval vessels similar to those seen at Dvina Light-ship (see paragraph 1) were seen at the naval station at Solombala. There was also a large transport ship there. This vessel was about 8,000 to 9,000 tons and was similar to an ordinary passenger ship of an obsolete type. The vessel was painted gray and it had two stacks, two masts, and no armament, [Redacted] the ship flew a flag with some blue coloring on it. There were some small motor-barges on both sides of the vessel.

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7. On an earlier trip to Arkhangelsk at the end of June 1954, [Redacted] a large explosion in the area of the Ponoy River (N 67-00, E 41-15). At the time of the observation, [Redacted] ship was north of Cape Orlov (N 67-13, E 41-18), about twenty nautical miles from the explosion area. The explosion was seen as a large flame which shot skyward. There was little smoke and no noise was heard. When the ship passed the mouth of the river an hour later, no fire or other trace of the explosion was visible. [Redacted]

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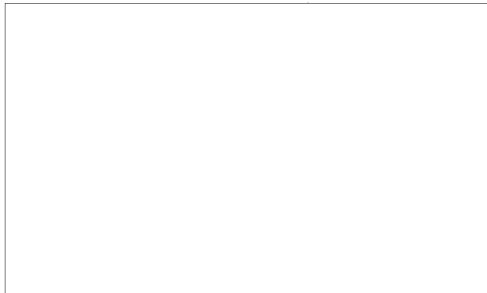
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[Redacted] There were a number of barracks on the spur of land between the Ponoy river and the sea. [Redacted] a large number of small vessels in the mouth of the river, but [Redacted] could not see if they were naval vessels.

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