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- In celebration of Soviet Navy Day on 25 July, many naval vessels were concentrated in Tallinn Roads; the vessels were illuminated at night, but the public had no access to them. The public celebrations took place in Kadriorg, a large park on the outskirts of Tallinn. 25X1
- During the last week of September 1954, [Redacted] five large cruisers in Tallinn Roads, and two cruisers and approximately ten destroyers at the West Quay in Tallinn harbor. [Redacted] 25X1
[Redacted] the vessels came and went either early in the morning or late at night. The most modern warships [Redacted] were of the SVERDLOV type. 25X1
- There are no permanent submarines or torpedo boats based in Tallinn. Submarines and torpedo boats waiting for, or perhaps undergoing, repairs usually lie in the ex-Riigi Sadama Tehaste Canals, ex-State Harbor Works (see sketch on page 2).
- No landing craft have been observed in Tallinn, except two old German ones which were left after the war. One of these has now been repaired and is maintaining a ferry service between Klivaste (N 58-35, E 23-20) and Virtsu (N 58-35, E 23-32).
- [Redacted] naval vessels are taken for the winter to Tallinn and Paldiski, and that larger vessels are taken to Kaliningrad (sic). [Redacted] 25X1
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- Floating drydocks are not being built in Tallinn, but occasionally they do arrive from East German and Polish ports, and are sent from Tallinn to other Soviet ports, presumably Leningrad and Kronshtadt. Only one small floating dock is permanently based in Tallinn, at the former Sadama Tehaste. Other floating docks which were formerly in Tallinn are known to have been taken to Kronshtadt. [Redacted] 25X1

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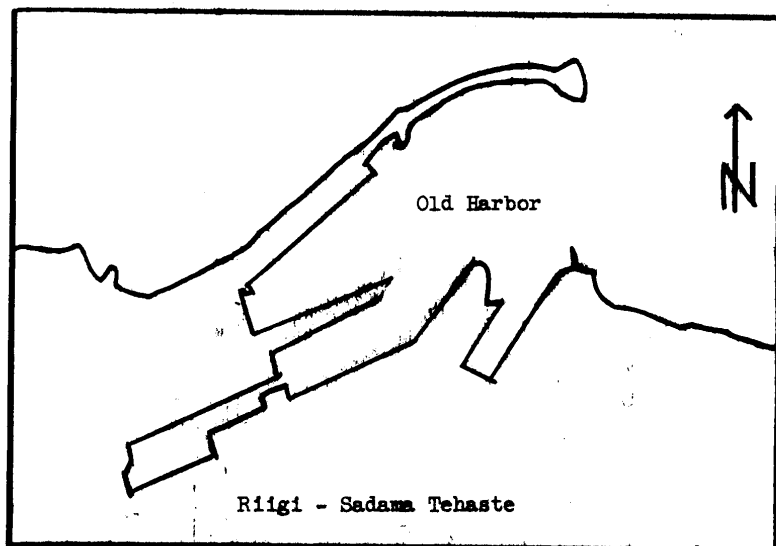
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7. The Vane-Balti Shipyard has a floating dock which came from Gdynia.¹ The type of production at these yards is not known. Several thousand workers are employed there.
8. As a rule, very few soldiers are to be seen in Tallinn, whereas naval personnel are very much in evidence.
9. Students of navigation schools, when they are called into service, are taken into the Navy and trained to become midshipmen. It is not known whether any Soviet naval officers serve on Soviet merchant ships for practical training.
10. [redacted] it has become permissible quite recently for civilians to visit Tallinn harbor, provided they have a valid reason, such as a relative working there. To gain admittance, the visitor must show his passport and obtain an entrance ticket, which is valid for one visit. Otherwise, the harbor is a prohibited area. 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment: According to more recent information of mid-October, this floating dock is reported to have been moved. 25X1

Sketch of Old Harbor of Tallinn:

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