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1. [Redacted]

specific items of interest at the port of Batum indicated by alphabetical designators coordinated with the following alphabetical listing herein:

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"A," "B" and "C" indicate berthing areas for tankers or general cargo vessels along the Neftyanoy Mole. Attention is invited to the fact that the off-sets from the mole represent small wooden piers against which the vessels dock, keeping the vessels out approximately 50 feet from the concrete quay. "D" represents a 50X1-HUM tanker docked in the port. "E" represents the location of a Soviet cargo-passenger ship docked in the port. "F" represents the location of a Soviet cargo-passenger vessel docked in the port at the same time. These Soviet vessels noted in the harbor appeared to be old German-type of less than Victory-ship size.

"G" indicates the location of a floating barge-type structure on which is built a combination cafe-hotel two stories in height.

"H" and "J" indicate other berthing areas for vessels in the harbor, however

there were no ships docked at these berths. "I" represents the 50X1-HUM location of a shipyard which

was engaged in handling repairs on small craft of the fishing type. "K" is the location of a military installation indicated on the chart as the Burum-Tabiya Fort and

at Batum there was military activity in evidence at this fort; buildings which appeared to be military barracks were noted and a considerable number of uniformed men were seen in the area. "L" indicates the location of another military location indicated on the chart as Bartskhana Fort. Military barracks and uniformed men were also noted in this location. No heavy guns of coastal-defense or AA type were noted, however numerous machine guns were in evidence at both fort

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"M" and "N" represent the location of what were apparently two oil refineries and tank storage areas. [redacted] apparently the oil refined at the refining installations at Batum comes via pipeline from the Bakou [redacted] fields approximately 500 miles away.

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2. All shipping at the port of Batum apparently docks at the Petroleum Harbor as the Cabotage Harbor, noted on the chart, is of extremely shallow depth and no vessels were noted in this area. The weather [redacted] was clear and with an average temperature of 80-90 degrees. No wrecks or construction were noted in the Petroleum Harbor. Prevailing winds at the time were from the southwest and were mild. [redacted] at times south-westerly and northwesterly winds are so heavy that difficulty in berthing ships is experienced and at times due to swells in the harbor, it is necessary that the vessels move out from the docks. No extreme tidal changes were noted.

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3. The docks in the Petroleum Harbor appeared to be in usable condition, built of concrete, and, as previously mentioned, with abutting wooden piers which kept vessels approximately 50 feet from the dock proper. All docks were well-lighted electrically and there appeared to be adequate supplies of water, coal and oil in the harbor. Pipelines take up most of the space of the docks on the north and east of Petroleum Harbor.

4. On the general cargo dock, on the south side of Petroleum Harbor, two eight-ton steam portable cranes, with approximately a 50-foot reach, were noted. These cranes appeared to be old but still serviceable. No other cranes were noted on any of the other docks nor were any floating cranes noted in the harbor.



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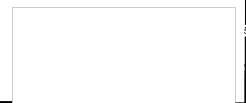
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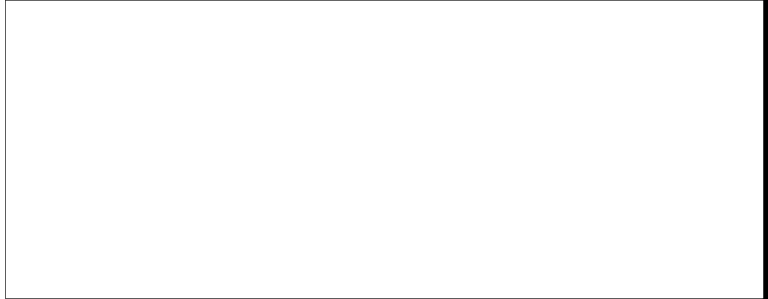
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