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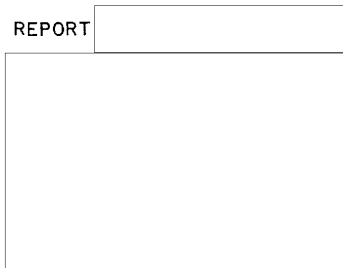
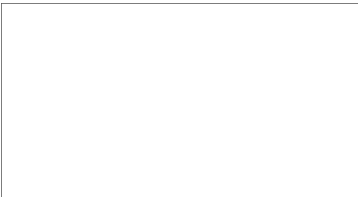
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SUBJECT Port Information: Archangel



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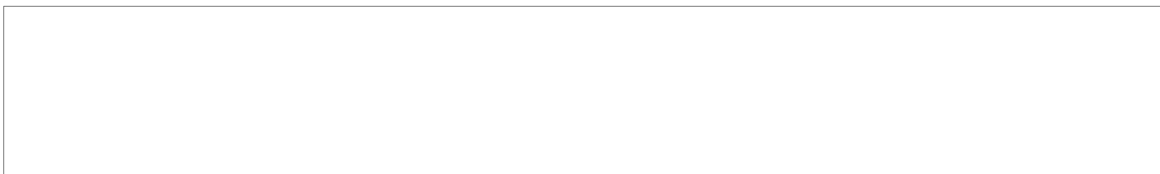
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2. In addition to the detailed set forth below, specific items of interest at the port of Archangel are indicated by alphabetical designators on overlay of BA Chart 2280 (Approaches to Archangel), coordinated with the following:

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"A" indicates position harbor pilot boarded "B" indicates the point where the Soviet Control Commission boards for inspection. "C" indicates location of berth at Pt Ekonomiya, known as sawmill No 1, before being moved to "D," which is sawmill No 16. "E" indicates the location of naval facility where an estimated 20 to 30 vessels similar to US MTBs are moored. distance from Pt Ekonomiya ("C") to point "E" at one-quarter mile. "F" indicates location of unknown number of Soviet naval vessels described as smaller than, but resembling a DD, of about one thousand tons displacement, Diesel-driven, resembling "old gun-boats." "G" indicates berthing area for merchant and passenger vessels of Russian registry. "H" indicates possible general location of air strip.

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5. Security guards [redacted] were well-dressed and well-equipped. They wore dark blue trousers, green jackets without pockets, green caps and black boots. They wore pistols and carried a rifle or automatic weapon.

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6. [redacted] The depth of water in harbor is three to four fathoms.

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7. [redacted] observed a Soviet naval vessel identified as the twin-hulled ASR [redacted] or a sister-ship thereto.

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8. [redacted] noted about 20 sawmills spotted along the waterways leading into Archangel, each with its own slip.

9. No foreign vessels are believed to go into Archangel proper, ships berthing at the numerous sawmills along the waterways. These slips are up to one thousand feet in length, of old wooden construction and in fair material condition though some holes were noted. No closed docks were observed at any of these locations.

10. No cranes were noted shoreside or floating. Loading is effected by assembling logs on the slip from lighters, and are then snaked aboard via wooden skids or runways using ship's gear.

11. Dock workers, both male and female, work around the clock in 12-hour shifts, less one hour for meals. Females do not work on deck or in the holds. Males appeared old or ailing but had no difficulty in operating ship's deck gear.

12. Pt Ekonomiya (sawmill No 1) (Point "C" on overlay of BA Chart 2280) has one berth for lumber and three for discharging coal. Coal is discharged by crane with scoop into railroad cars or trucks spotted on the docks.

13. Slips were well lighted and water for boiler use was readily obtainable from the river. [redacted]

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14. Pilots are required for all movements. Tugs available are old wood-burning, steam-driven [redacted]

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15. Surveillance boats equipped with machine gun mounts accompany all vessel movements.

16. Only railroad tracks noted were at Pt Ekonomiya ("C"), which are used in unloading coal.

17. The possibility of an airfield in general location of "H" was determined by observation of low-flying aircraft circling in that area as if landing or taking off. No conventional four-engine or jet types were noted. Single and two-engine types, three or four at a time, were seen. [redacted] described the twin-engine types as being similar to British Dakotas.

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18. [redacted] INFLOT is located in the City of Archangel and [redacted] an elaborate lunch is served visitors there. Some of the fare noted was white bread, smoked salmon and tea.

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- 19. Liberty ashore was accorded [redacted] and a special pass for same was issued. A 20-ruble fine is imposed if pass is not turned in upon return. A free ferry operates from the sawmills to town, and busses, with women drivers, are available periodically to take crew to (but not return) International Seamen's Club. 50X1-HUM
- 20. There are no restrictions re freedom of the city. [redacted] population adequately clothed; the vast majority being clad in quilted blue jackets. Shops appeared poorly stocked though lack of store windows prohibited more thorough observation. 50X1-HUM
- 21. [redacted] No black market or black market exchange was encountered. 50X1-HUM
- 22. The people were aloof and difficult to engage in conversation. Few soldiers were noted, though sailors were quite numerous. An International Seamen's Club in the town operates propaganda movies and lectures. Books [redacted] are available and can be removed from Club. There are hostesses for dancing to "juke-box" music. 50X1-HUM
There is a canteen which sells wine and vodka, though the price is quite prohibitive [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- 23. No fortifications were noted in the area and no minefields, navigational obstacles or unusual weather were encountered.



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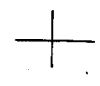
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