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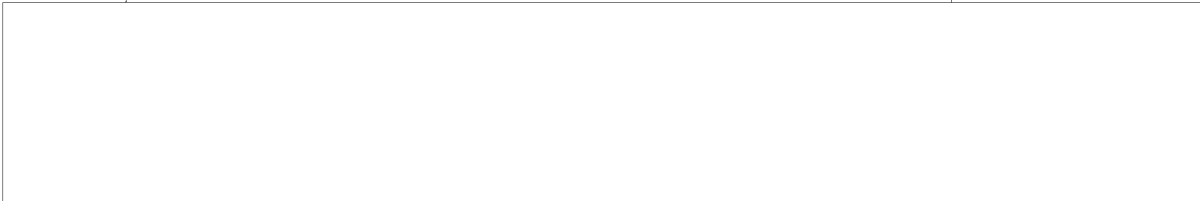
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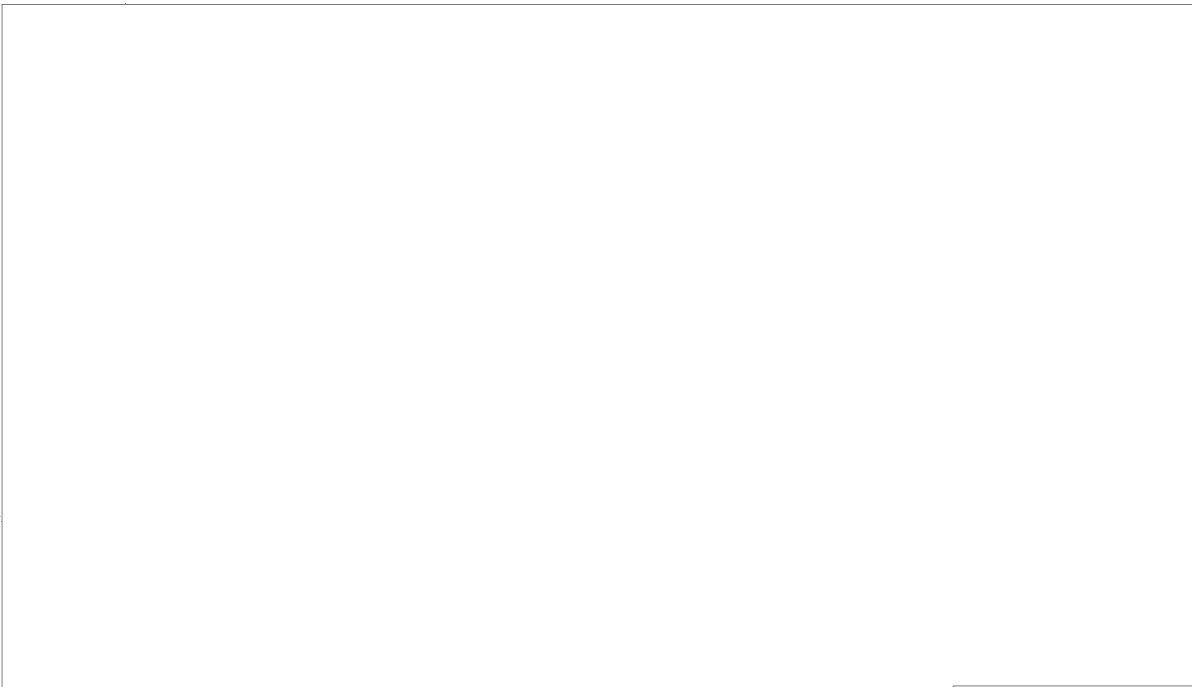
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5. Weather Weather [redacted] was described as "Bermuda-like," mild with no rain. 50X1-HUM
6. Anchorage [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 Pilotage was satisfactory. Pilots are compulsory at subject port and will take vessels into harbor during the day or night.
7. Berth [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 [redacted] three wooden offshore wharves along the south side of the Neftyanoy Mole used for transfer of petroleum products [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 [redacted] swell resulting from northwest winds along the coast, and lines parted as a result of the swell [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted]
9. Tugs No tugs were observed in the harbor.
10. Clearance Facilities Trains of railroad tank cars loaded with crude and refined petroleum products were observed entering and leaving oil refinery area [redacted] Railroad spur located on Neftyanoy Mole is inoperative. 50X1-HUM
11. Charge Operations [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 [redacted] Two pumps were used in the leading operation which is standard procedure except when a Soviet tanker is loaded at an adjoining offshore wharf, at which time only one pump will be used.
12. Supplies Engineering and deck supplies and provisions were available but were too expensive [redacted] Vodka was for sale in the city at 75 rubles (US\$20) per 1½ liters. 50X1-HUM  
 [redacted] 50X1-HUM
15. Merchant Shipping Present Two Soviet passenger vessels of approximately 10 thousand tons used in summer crossings of the Black Sea were tied up [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 [redacted] They were painted white and bore the Soviet state funnel marking, a red band with inset sickle and star painted white.
16. Fishing Craft Numerous fishing craft were moored in harbor area [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 [redacted]
17. Marine Ways [redacted] No activity was observed.
18. Wrecks Several wrecks were visible in shallow water along the coast northeast of harbor entrance [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 [redacted]

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19. Naval Vessel The 40' wooden patrol craft that carried pilot [redacted] was the only naval vessel sighted.

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Comment [redacted] This report establishes the existence of three offshore wharves on the south side of Neftyanoy Mble for transfer of petroleum products 50X1-HUM

[redacted] It also confirms [redacted] that the entrance of Neftyanaya Gavan is difficult to negotiate and the harbor itself is unprotected from the swell resulting from winds along the coast. 50X1-HUM

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