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<p>2. <b>Alphabetical Designators</b> In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are [redacted] referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Vessel's berth</li> <li>B. Suction dredge line</li> <li>C. New channel</li> <li>D. Reclaimed area</li> <li>E. Chinese passenger ship</li> <li>F. Seaman's Club</li> <li>G. AA gun mounts</li> <li>H. Radio station</li> <li>I. Power station</li> </ul>		
<p>3. <b>Approaches and Pilot Data</b> Vessel [redacted] visited Hsingyang</p> <p>Prior to arrival at subject port, vessel received the following message from PENAVICO, "Please advise again ETA Taku Bar local time. Enter Changshan Channel only. Attention marks (Red) in position 37 39 24N, 119 10 30E. Navigate with precaution." Vessel anchored at Taku Bar [redacted]. Pilot and security guard arrived via small tug and boarded vessel 301430H. Pilot appeared to be middle-aged, spoke English, and performed his work efficiently. Pilotage at subject port is compulsory at all times. Vessel arrived at berth 301638H, position labeled designator A. Upon departure from subject port 071045H Feb 56, pilot and security guard boarded vessel at berth and conducted vessel to Taku Bar. Security guards departed with pilot 071227H.</p> <p>[redacted] Cold weather and frequent fog were encountered during call. Ice was present but not heavy enough to require the use of icebreakers. Highest temperature recorded was 60°F; the lowest was 13°F.</p>		
<p>4. <b>Anchorage</b> Vessel was required to anchor outside harbor at Taku Bar [redacted] to reduce vessel's draft by 15 inches. After sufficient reduction in draft, vessel got underway from anchorage at 301505H.</p>		

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5. Harbor [redacted] No soundings were allowed but vessel had to reduce draft to 25.6 feet before entering harbor. [redacted] suction dredge line at east end of pier 41 at position labeled designator B. A new channel, labeled designator C, which connects the harbor and the river is now in use.

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6. Controls A 15-man boarding party, including the agent, security guards, a health officer, immigration and customs officers, and harbor superintendent, boarded the vessel 292200H at Taku Bar and remained aboard until 300130H. The boarding party divided into four groups and searched forward, aft, midships, and the engine room. One crew member accompanied each inspection team. Radio equipment, personal firearms, binoculars, radar, cameras, flares, and sextant were placed under seal. The crew was mustered and seaman's books were inspected. Two surveillance guards remained aboard until the vessel reached berth. After arrival at berth one guard was stationed at the gangway of the vessel and one guard was stationed at the gate to the dock area. Both guards were armed with machine guns and checked shore passes of all crew members going ashore. Each crew member was given a shore pass written in Chinese which showed his seaman's number. Naval patrol craft patrolled the anchorage area; these craft used searchlights at night and had one machine gun mount forward. Prior to departure from port, a boarding party boarded the vessel 070840H Feb 56 and remained aboard until 071040H. Two security guards remained aboard the vessel with the outgoing pilot, removed seals from all items under seal, then departed with pilot.

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7. Harbor Craft Two small motor tugs assisted vessel in berthing and departing from harbor. The lighter to which [redacted] vessel discharged cargo had a full cargo capacity of 600 tons and was equipped with a steam lift. No other harbor craft were observed except surveillance patrol craft.

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8. Berth Vessel berthed at 301638H [redacted] Vessel's berth was alongside a concrete quay 2500 feet in length which could accommodate five vessels. The east end of this quay is used for loading coal; this area was being dredged as noted in paragraph 5. A sketch of the quay is labeled figure 8-a. No cranes or other handling facilities were present on quay. At low water the vessel's main deck was 12 feet above the wharf apron. Five gangs of stevedores - 13 men to each gang - worked during each of three eight-hour shifts. All ages of males were employed with good proficiency. [redacted]

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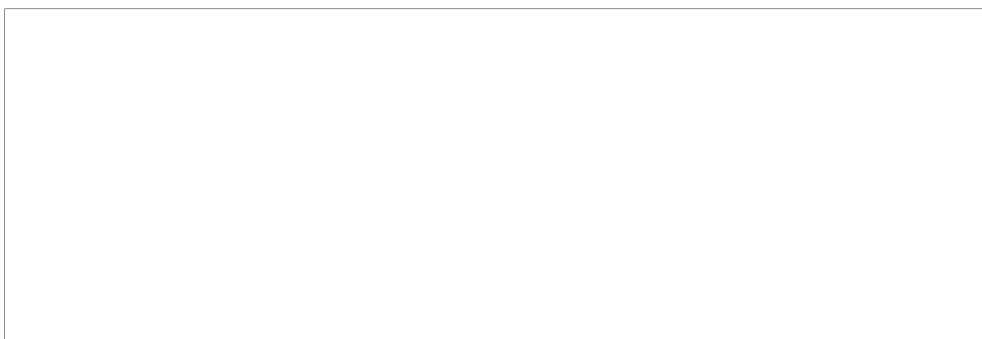
[redacted] Inspectors tested the water aboard ship before vessel took on water. Both drinking and boiler water were delivered by hose. Vessel's agent indicated that there was a shortage of power in the area.

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9. Construction [redacted] area labeled designator D has been filled in and is now occupied by new office buildings. All other buildings in the area appeared to be relatively new.

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15. Merchant Vessels

several Chinese freighters traveling in and out of area at various times. Due to heavy fog about 5 Feb 56 a 500-ton Chinese passenger ship, labeled designator E, passed via the new channel to the river.

16. Shore Activities All crew members were allowed ashore but were restricted to the downtown area and to the Seaman's Club. The Seaman's Club, labeled designator F, is located a short distance from the gate to the dock area. Only a small number of the crew went ashore due to poor weather conditions and lack of entertainment available. The vessel's agent remained aboard ship during cargo discharging operations except that he occasionally called for a US-built jeep and went ashore for a very short time. The agent ate and slept aboard the vessel.

17. Miscellaneous The people encountered at subject port appeared to be afraid to talk and impressed with the ruling that school attendance was compulsory. Reports indicated that everyone had to attend classes for at least two hours per week. Some of the stevedores were compelled to take time off from handling the ship's cargo to attend classes. No anti-Communist feeling was noticed except that the agent stated that it took too much "red tape" to get things done. a guard tower with an AA gun mount at position labeled designator G, an area which is under water at high tide. A radio station with 10 masts was sighted at position labeled designator H. An electric power station was located at position labeled designator I. Sanitation and health conditions were good as far as known.

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