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1. [redacted] Fort Nikolayev Island at the mouth of the Dnepr River was heavily fortified. On the southern side of the island there were nine 120 mm guns, while on the western side, there were three such guns. The detached breakwater about 160 meters north of the island was 500 meters long and the quay on the island was not continuous. Rather, it was interrupted by seven large sea-level gates about 25 meters in width which were always closed.

2. [redacted] a naval training vessel and a destroyer lying at anchor in the roadstead which lay about 5 km north of the island. The destroyer was flying a Soviet flag and was armed with twin turrets forward and a gun of undetermined caliber aft. Amidships, there was a twin-barreled machine gun.

3. [redacted] At Novorossiysk, [redacted] an aircraft with two jet engines [redacted] could reverse its direction with amazing rapidity. From its normal line of flight the aircraft went into a 90° climb and, after a swift loop, it had reversed its direction. [redacted] the jet engines could be tilted [redacted]

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