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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [redacted]

SUBJECT Vessels of NVA/See and Unidentified Naval Vessels DATE DISTR. [redacted]

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REFERENCES

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[redacted] a unit of 6 naval vessels was observed on northeastern course at position 55°35'N/15°30'E. Afterwards they changed course to southeast. The vessels ran at a speed of 12 knots, keeping a distance of 400 to 500 meters. 50X1-HUM

The forward vessel ran ahead at an approximate speed of 15 knots or even at a higher speed. Keeping the same course, the distance increased.

The unit observed, included the following vessels:

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Minelaying and minesweeping vessels [redacted] of the KRAKE Class, flying the flag of NVA/See. [redacted]

[redacted] the flags apparently were colored white and red. One of the vessels, the biggest, seemed to be the leading vessel of the unit. Description: continuous deck with high sheer in the forecastle; 1 tripod mast forward of the modern stack which had a raked cap with a dark edge; 2 fully armored one-barrel guns behind each other forward of the stack; the same type gun astern; square bridge with cupola; small superstructure on the after body. 50X1-HUM

Three of the vessels were of the following identical type:

Description: pole mast; 1 stack; flat bridge; deck with one sheer at stack level; 1 gun covered with tarpaulins on the long forecastle; crane or davits mounted on the stern. These three vessels were more than half the size of the big leading vessel.

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Comment: The report confirms the cooperation of NVA/See with other Eastern Navies; in this case presumably with Poland.

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The observation of vessels in the above-mentioned sea area - 30 nautical miles northeast Hammer Odde (Bornholm) is another indication of training activities in eastern areas far away from the vessels' homeport.



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The big vessel, which has been described in the above report and can be seen on the attached sketch most probably is a RIGA of NVA/See (which can also be seen on the sketch, showing the formation of the vessels). The Polish Navy does not have RIGAs and Soviet ensign would have been noticed on the vessels.

According to description, sketch and identified color of flag, the three small vessels are presumably vessels of the Polish T-301 Class.

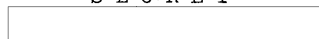
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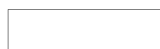


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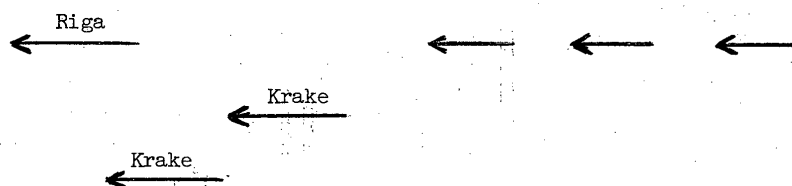
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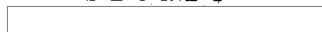
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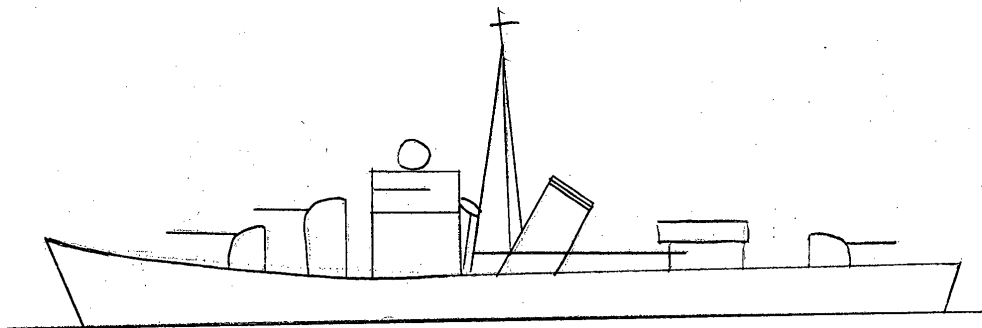
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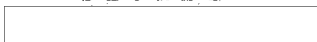
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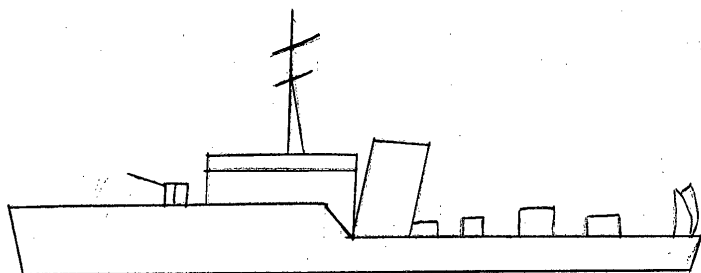
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Sketch 3



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