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- 2. Attached to the report is a sketch map of the Kirov Shipyard area, sketch of the Amur River Flotilla flagship, and sketches of gunboats of the Amur River Flotilla.

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Naval Anchorage and Shipyards at KHABAROVSK

(September 1948)

1. Sketch Map

Attached at Appendix "A" is an annotated sketch map of the Soviet naval anchorage on the Amur River north of KHABAROVSK. The site is the Headquarters of the Amur Flotilla, Soviet Far East Fleet.



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2. Naval Anchorage

(a) Characteristics. Excellent anchorage facilities are afforded by the stretch of calm water between ZAYACH Island (see sketch) and the river bank. No dredgers were seen at work during the period of observation. It was noted during swimming expeditions to the southern end of the anchorage that the bank and causeway shelved rapidly into deep water.

(b) Installations. The Flotilla H.Q. buildings, naval barracks and the two shipyards (see Appendix "A") with ancillary buildings are the only features of the port. In 1948 three shifts per day were worked at the KIROV yard. No further details are known.



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3. Amur Flotilla Units.

(a) Flagship. A vessel of about 500 tons, painted grey, anchored alongside a jetty near the KIROV yard throughout the period of observation. It was seen only bows-on. Mounted

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on the foredeck was a gun of approximately 105 mm calibre fitted with a shield. A sketch at Appendix "B" gives an impression of the silhouette of this vessel. This ship was the largest seen in the port and is thought for this reason to be the flagship of the flotilla.

(b) Gunboats. Gunboats seen on the river were of two types:

(i) Length approximately 30 metres; two masts, the foremast rising from top of two-deck bridge structure. Single funnel abaft bridge. Gun on foredeck fitted with shield. No details as to calibre. See sketch at Appendix "C".

(ii) A smaller type about 13 metres in length. Two-deck bridge structure with funnel abaft bridge. Single mast rising out of bridge. Machine gun (no gun shield) on foredeck. See sketch at Appendix "D".

4. Floating Dock

A floating dock of unknown capacity lay opposite the KIROV yard.

5. USSURI Flotilla

This visit was said to be based on KRASNAYA RECHKA, south of KHABAROVSK. No further details known.

APPENDIX "A"

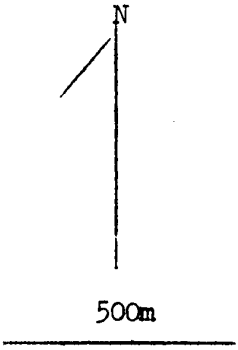
MAP OF NAVAL PORT OF KIROV



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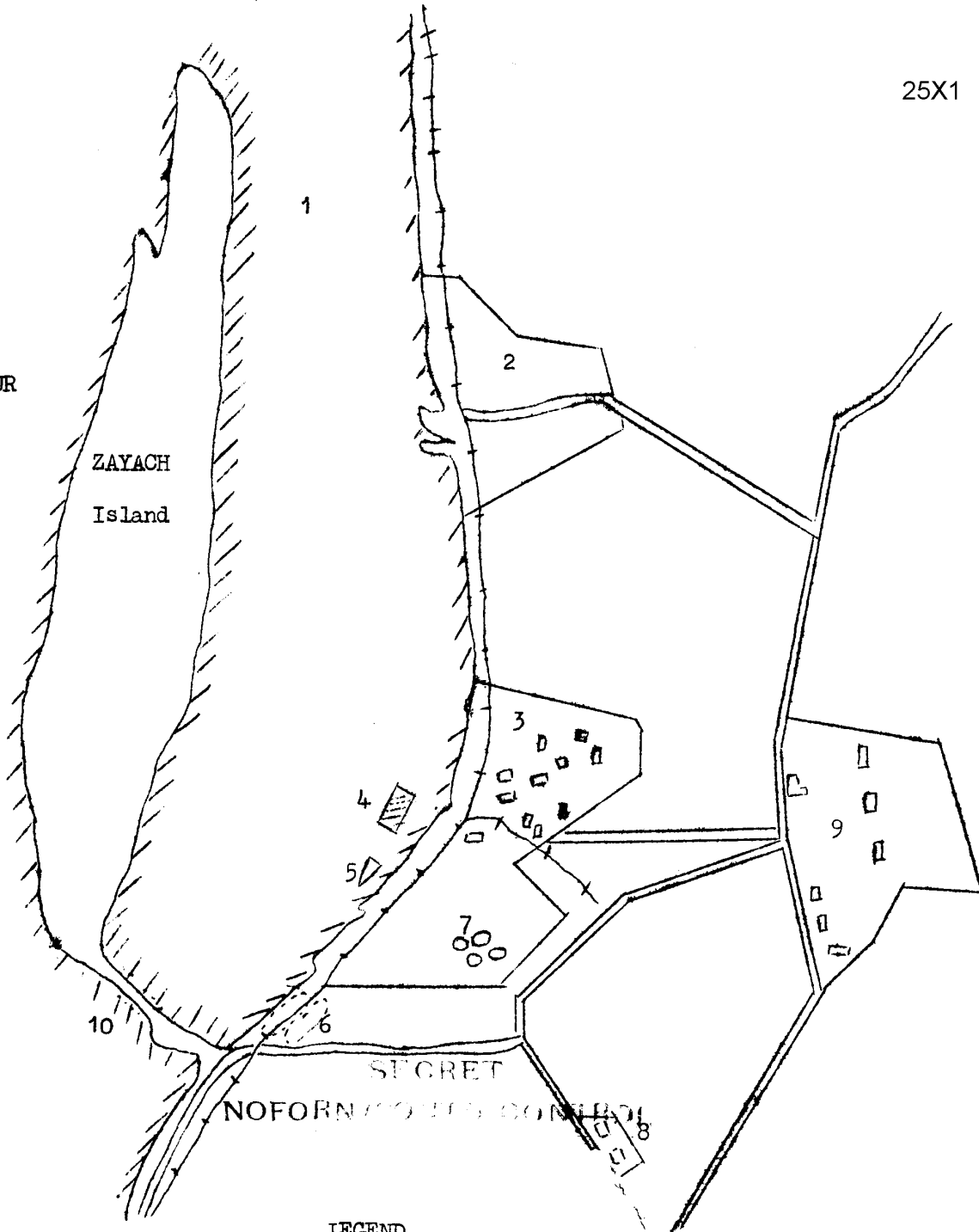


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| 1. Naval Port of KIROV     | 5. Flagship of Amur Flotilla(?) |                                      |
| 2. Naval shipbuilding yard | 6. Coal dump.                   | 9. HQ and Barracks of Amur Flotilla. |
| 3. KIROV Shipbuilding yard | 7. Oil tanks                    | 10. Causeway.                        |
| 4. Floating dock.          | 8. No. 16 Camp                  |                                      |

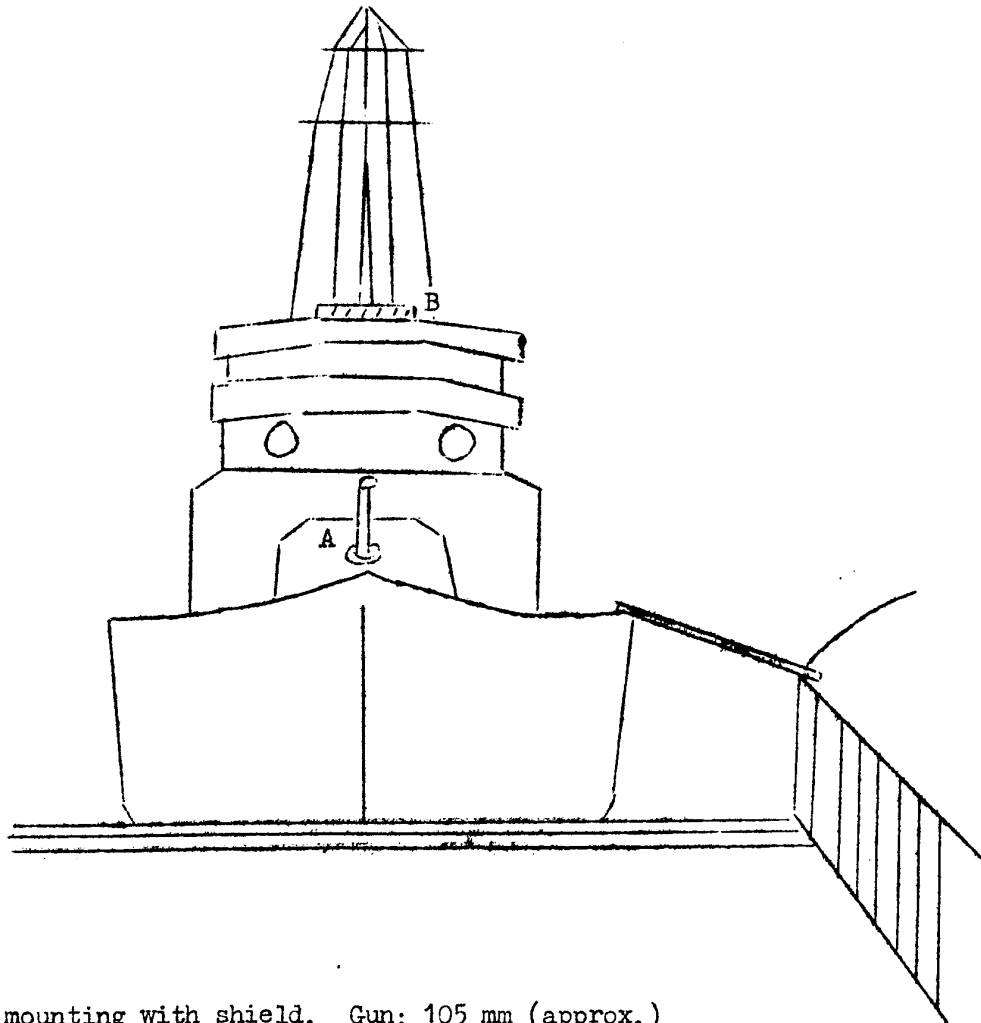
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APPENDIX "B"



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FRONT VIEW OF FLAGSHIP OF AMUR FLOTILLA



- A. Gun mounting with shield. Gun: 105 mm (approx.)
- B. Funnel.

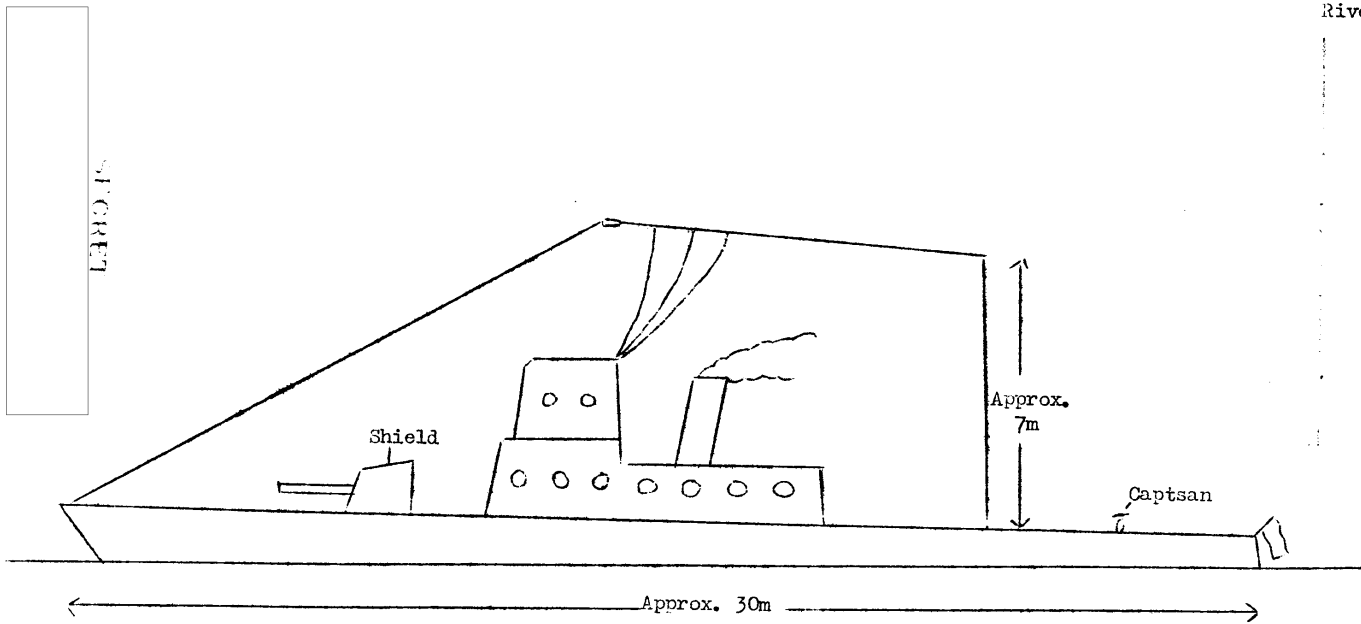
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SKETCH OF GUN BOAT OF THE AMUR FLOTILLA

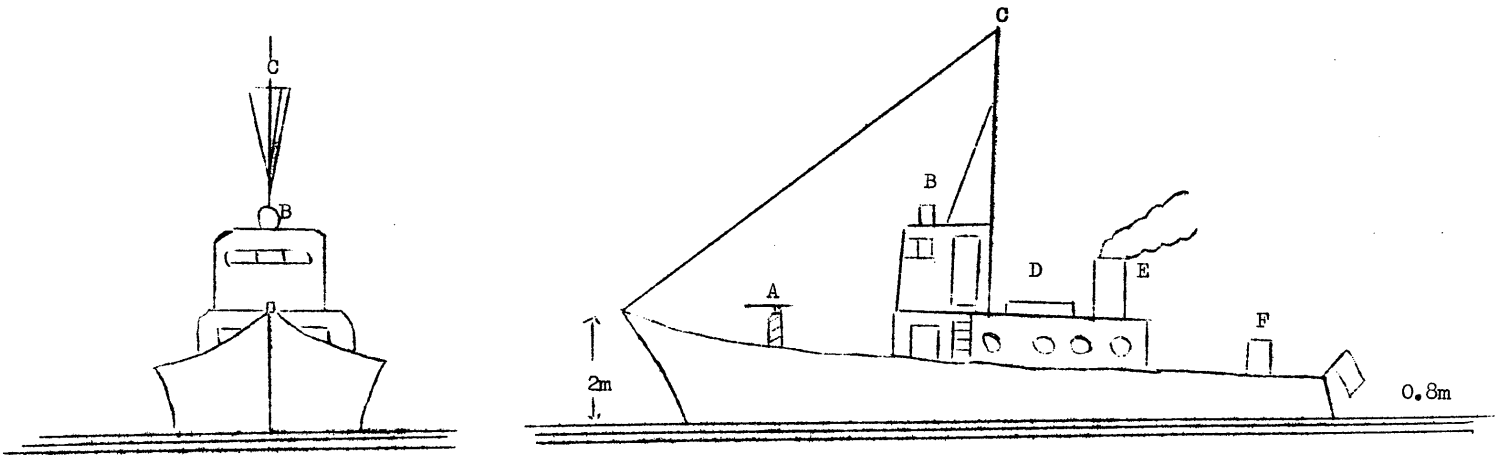
Distance from which observed: approximately 2,000 metres.  
Time of observation: Autumn, 1954.  
Position from which observed: near the confluence of the AMUR and USSURI Rivers.



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APPENDIX "C"

SKETCH OF GUN BOAT OF THE AMUR FLOTILLA



- A. MG
- B. Searchlight.
- C. Mast
- D. Engine room ventilator
- E. Funnel.
- F. Towing Bitt.

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