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A one-page report on two rocket-equipped Soviet naval vessels, called "begemot"

[redacted] These vessels were reportedly observed at Baltiysk in winter 1955.

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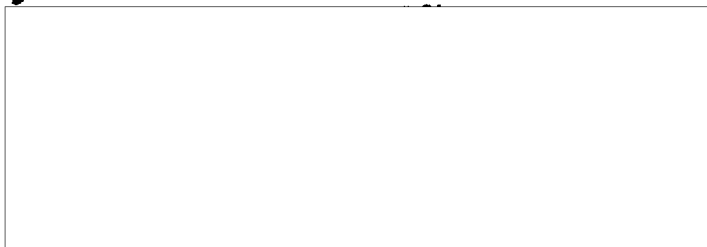
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Rocket-firing Vessels.  
(Winter 1955)

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1. Two rocket-firing vessels (which are known by sailors as "BEHEMOT" = HIPPOPOTAMUS) were seen [redacted] at BALTIISK during the winter of 1955. They had 2 low funnels behind the bridge, a short mast on the bridge and 4 cranes on the foredeck. 25X1

[redacted] not see any rocket launchers, but [redacted] each vessel carried 4 or 5 which were hidden under canvas. 25X1

Each vessel was said to carry a crew of 120 men.

[redacted] these vessels were usually stationed near KHAAPSALU (HAAPSALU) or between KHAAPSALU and PYARNU (PARNU). 25X1

2. The rocket-firing vessels are not used to repel landings but only against land targets.

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