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Soviet naval vessels observed in the port of Klaipeda

These reports describe the following vessels: two depot ships and submarines

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WARSHIPS KLAIPEDA

1. Between 11th and 13th November, 1956, a depot ship was seen lying alongside a jetty just south of the Winter Harbour. This vessel was estimated as 6,000 tons deadweight, single funnel, converted merchant ship with additional accommodation built up round the funnel.

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2. A submarine was lying alongside the depot ship but no details were obtained as only a fore and aft view was obtainable.

3. A second submarine [redacted] was lying at a jetty close northward of the depot ship.

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4. (a) On 13th November, 1956, submarine [redacted] entered harbour and anchored off the Winter Harbour.

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5. The following are the particulars of submarines [redacted]

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Alongside in KLAIPEDA.

Entering harbour and anchoring off Winter Harbour.

Y. Alongside South Ballast Quay, KLAIPEDA.

D. Excellent visibility.

O. Unrestricted.

I. [redacted] on conning tower.

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C. Conning tower in two steps with twin gun forward. Overall height of conning tower estimated 11 feet, each step 5 1/2 feet.

A. Twin guns in shield close in front of conning tower. Guns had very thin barrels.

S. At the after end of the conning tower on the starboard side, a pipe about two feet in length and 6 inches in diameter curved slightly aft (see sketch).

Both [redacted] had this unusual fitting.

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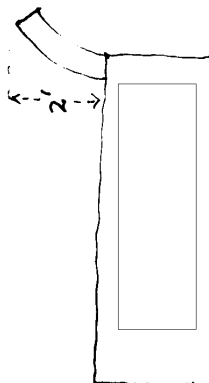
H. Hull flush, sloping slightly from forward to aft. Estimated measurements - length overall 250 feet; stem to foreside of gunshield 60 feet; foreside of gunshield to afterside of conning tower 30 feet; after side of conning tower to stern 160 feet.

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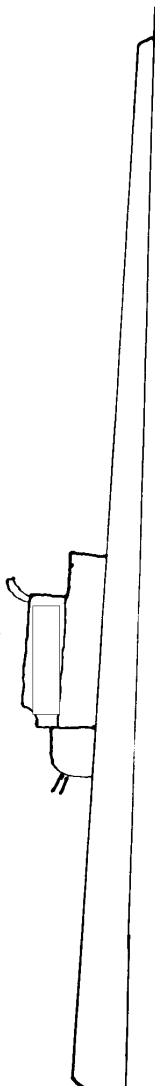
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WARSHIPS AT KLAIPEDA

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1. On 1st November, 1956, a depot ship of about 1500 tons deadweight was seen to pass the Fairway buoy into KLAIPEDA on a northerly course. Vessel was a converted merchant ship, painted grey, with one funnel and accommodation built up round the funnel.

2. On 2nd November, 1956, a submarine entered harbour and proceeded up stream. The motor engines, which could be easily heard, were spluttering badly as if they were giving trouble. Particulars as follows:-

W. 2nd November, 1956.

H. Proceeding up harbour at KLAIPEDA.

Y. Alongside South Ballast Quay.

D. Good visibility.

O. Unrestricted.

I. [Redacted]

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C. Conning tower in three tiers with armament at fore end.

A. Twin guns at fore end of conning tower in a shield. The gun barrels were very thin.

S. Two raised portions on the hull abaft the conning tower appeared to be hatches.

H. Estimated length 250 feet. Hull flush sloping from forward to aft.

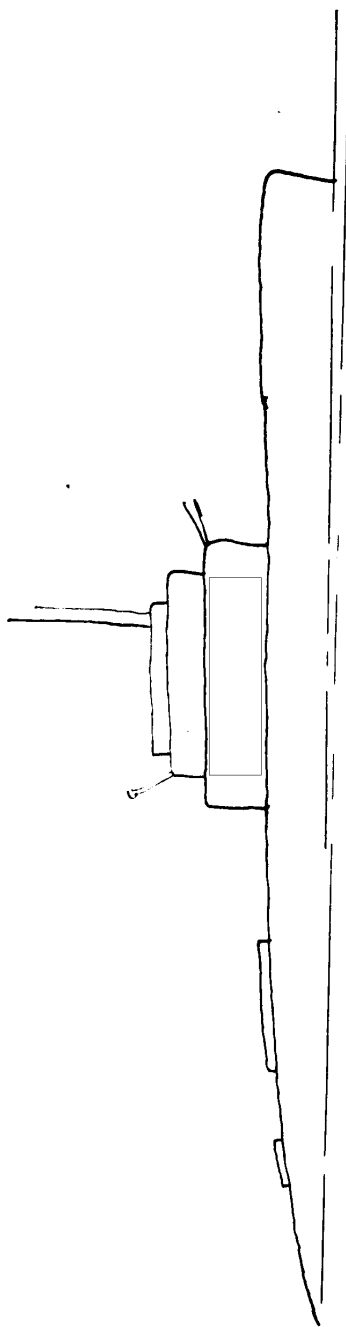
3. A depot ship of about 2,500 tons deadweight was seen alongside south of the Winter Harbour. Vessel was a converted merchant ship with accommodation built up round the single funnel.

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