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PORT OF WISMAR, EAST GERMANY

2. [redacted] no tugs, tows or barges in subject port. The quay equipment consisted of chutes evidently fed by conveyor system. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] There was no mechanical equipment in evidence. The railroad (European, with two sets of tracks) ran along the apron. The railroad cars were old, open type or gondola, and the capacity was approximately 20 tons. No estimate of number. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 [redacted] another unidentified ship loaded with phosphate, tonnage unknown. Long-shoremen worked day and night and appeared competent. Electrical power was adequate on the pier. In an adjoining basin, [redacted] possibly five ships, one [redacted] approximately five thousand tons gross. Cranes in this basin were estimated approximately five ton capacity. [redacted] one small shipyard on the opposite shore, approximately four thousand gross tons. There were no new piers in evidence. 50X1-HUM

3. Military Activity

There was no Naval activity. No radio or radar installations were observed either in the channel or in the basins themselves. Searchlights were evident at night along the coast. No specific locations identified.

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Air Activity

4. No planes observed.

Populace

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5. [redacted]
the people of Wismar were very discontented. There were few cars, no new buses, and the taxis were old and at a premium. [redacted] a neon sign directing the working people to their swimming pool. The majority of homes were old, dirty, and in need of paint. Some new construction was observed, mainly brick apartment houses in the center of the city. No estimate as to number.

PORT OF KLAIPEDA (CENT), LITHUANIA

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6. [redacted]

Cargo and Foreign Merchant Vessels

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7. A few Soviet and Polish ships were at anchor discharging and loading cargo into barges, each ship using its own gear. Three ships were approximately five thousand gross tons. The cargo was general, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] The cranes were old, and apparently [redacted] of the jib portal ten ton capacity type. Extensive exporting of coal was evident. [redacted] The lighting conditions were good, with all cranes being equipped with lights. An old suction dredge was sighted working in the channel. Mud was discharged off the port side of the entrance channel. Many piles of scrap were lying on the pier, no cement or lumber was evident. The railroad along the apron was old, but serviceable, and there was no shortage of cars. No women were used in loading.

Military Activity

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8. One Soviet submarine entered port [redacted] It appeared to be new and of the long range type. [redacted] Guns of shore batteries were sighted [redacted]
There were four large gun emplacements noted, no definite locations, but presumed port side of harbor entrance. Soldiers stood around the guns,

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[Redacted]

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and barracks for the gun crew were situated immediately behind. There was no natural or artificial protection for the guns. [Redacted] radar and instruments for measuring the height of planes, at least two of the latter adjacent to fortifications. [Redacted]

[Redacted] There were some small factories noted adjacent to the Sudoremont Shipyard, but were of old construction.

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Air Activity

- 9. No planes observed.

Populace

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- 10. [Redacted] the people discontented, asking for shoes and clothes. [Redacted] Food was extremely expensive. [Redacted] the few cars in Klaipeda were driven by officials. [Redacted] a black market operation existed in Klaipeda.

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