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3. Facilities. The grain elevator [redacted] was an old concrete structure located in approximately the position marked "tanks" [redacted]

the American Quay side of the pier appeared to have no buildings and previously existing buildings evidently had been destroyed, as there was much rubble in the area. Much of the view to this area was screened by stacks of timbers. What appeared to be a warehouse was under construction on Polish Quay. **50X1-HUM**

4. Ships and Naval Activity Observed: One [redacted] ship, [redacted] was observed alongside at Polish Quay, with several ships and numerous Polish ships elsewhere in the harbor. A [redacted] ship [redacted] off-loading manganese ore [redacted] was also observed at Basin 2. Naval ships included several destroyer types and a training ship. The destroyers berthed at night in the basin north of Kanal Portowy, but departed nearly every morning, returning nearly every evening. They appeared to proceed directly to the construction area near Hel Peninsula (see para 8, below). They are very similar to large Italian pre-WWII destroyers. Excessive machinery sounds, similar to turbine noises could be heard emanating from them as they proceeded from the harbor. The other naval ship observed was a four-mast training ship berthed alongside near the pilot station. This ship appeared to be a pre-WWII German-built ship. In the area men were observed undergoing boat drill and rowing practice. Of particular interest were a number of very dark skinned crew members in the boats comparable in their complexions to Egyptians.

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6. [redacted] at the club  
[redacted] a coupon book system of payment was in effect. However, if the coupon books were purchased with dollars or pounds, a greater value of coupons was received than if purchased with other forms of currency. This in effect made the cost of items purchased about one fourth to one half of normal market price based on the official rate of exchange. Items available included good quality crystal and chinaware

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7. Observations in Gdynia City: [redacted] the apathy of the people--no one laughed. However, they appeared to be more prosperous than persons observed in the USSR. Very few persons were observed wearing military type uniforms in the city (no more than seen anywhere), and those observed appeared to be going about normal business or recreation.

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8. Installations: The only noticeable landmark [redacted] was the radio tower in the vicinity of the church in Oksywie [redacted]

[redacted] some construction in progress in the area immediately south of the point of Hel Peninsula. Major construction in progress seemed to be the driving of pilings by crane type pile drivers. It was to this area the destroyers (mentioned in paragraph 4) proceeded. No radio, radar, searchlight or artillery positions were observed in this area.

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