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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Vessels in Sassnitz Harbor, Ruegen Island

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. Mine sweeper [REDACTED] were berthed in Sassnitz harbor on 14 July 1950. *
2. Another cruiser type warship of between 8,000 and 10,000 tons was in the roads. **
3. The former German steamer Hamburg, 22,000 GRT, was being raised off the harbor of Sassnitz on 14 July 1950. Local fishermen said that the ship allegedly will be taken to Sassnitz harbor and shortened, converting her into a freighter of 12,000 GRT to be used by the U.S.S.R. ***
4. Although no Volkspolizei naval units were observed in Sassnitz harbor, the entire area, up to a distance of three km from Sassnitz lighthouse, was guarded by VP personnel.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Probably a motor mine sweeper of the CK Class. The two patrol boats were not previously seen in Sassnitz harbor.

** [REDACTED] Comment. The information has not been confirmed by [REDACTED] it is more probable that the vessel was a modern Soviet destroyer of the Zilni Class, rather than a cruiser.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The necessary shipyard work on the Hamburg cannot be done in Sassnitz. It is believed that the ship will be towed to Warnemuende for repairs.

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