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2. [redacted] ship was passed by a submarine chaser, [redacted] on its way out of the bay at full speed ahead. A few miles off shore, [redacted] exchanged flash signals with the incoming submarine [redacted]. This ship flew three flags; a red 50X1-HUM standard, a flag marked "PO" and one whose lettering could not be discerned. [redacted] sailed into the so-called winter harbor 50X1-HUM where it will be laid up for the winter. See sketch A for description of submarine. A little later, the Soviet merchant vessel, Professor Popov, fully loaded, sailed into the bay: probably of German origin, welded, 3,000 tons, large powerful cranes on deck.

3. Ship left on the 14th and going out of the bay met a Soviet merchant ship, about 2,500 tons, fully loaded, coming in. It was a "3 island ship" with two masts and two Samson posts on the fore and aft deck, high, straight funnel, black hull, white deckhouse, [redacted]
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4. The following ships were observed moored to the wharf in the winter harbor:

1 cable ship; see sketch B
 1 training ship; see sketch C
 1 minesweeper [redacted] This ship is somewhat larger 50X1-HUM
 than the BO submarine chaser, slanting bow, 1 cannon on
 fore deck, straight superstructure, signal mast on aft edge
 of bridge, high straight funnel, after deck not visible.

3 BO submarine chasers

3 minesweepers [redacted] 50X1-HUM

They all had the same type of hull as the BO submarine chasers
 only somewhat smaller without the cannon on after deck.

5. A minesweeper of the T-391 class was observed in continual traffic on the river. A minesweeper, T-391, with red painted acid or gas bottles piled along the railing was observed on the 14th. Thirty-one landing barges were pulled up on the shore. Three motor torpedo boats, type SJA-4(sic), lay at the same spot. See sketch D. At the south end of the winter harbor, directly north of Diamunde Fort, there are 3 large two-story barracks and two barracks without roofs. In front of these buildings is a coastal battery: two dome shaped concrete towers out of which the barrel of a cannon protrudes. See sketch E. At Alt Muhlhafen there is a flat building with a high mast, on top of which is a radar screen. At Neu Muhlhafen there is a large industrial plant; a hangar-like building; some large cranes, the same type used by shipyards. On east side of export harbor there is a radio station.

6. The following Soviet ships were observed on 10 February in the export harbor:

Professor Popov; at coal docks in north area.

Barge Measi

Merchant Ship Smolensk

Motorship Karamzik

Merchant Ship Sakko

7. The Danish ship Klaus Hansen arrived on 11 February and was escorted [redacted] 50X1-HUM

8. Large cases with machinery and some large cable drums marked "Kabelwerke" were observed on the pier. The cases were loaded on railroad cars while the drums were transported by truck. It took quite some time to unload the cargo of only 3,500 barrels of butter. The story was that the delay was caused by lack of railroad cars. A continual hum of the powerful motors from the workshops at the airfield could be heard the entire time.

Encl. 1 Outline drawings of silhouettes of Soviet ships observed.

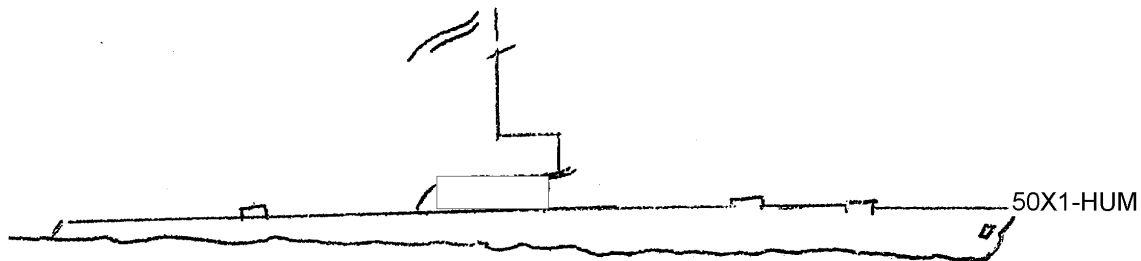
Encl. 2 Sketch map of Riga harbor.

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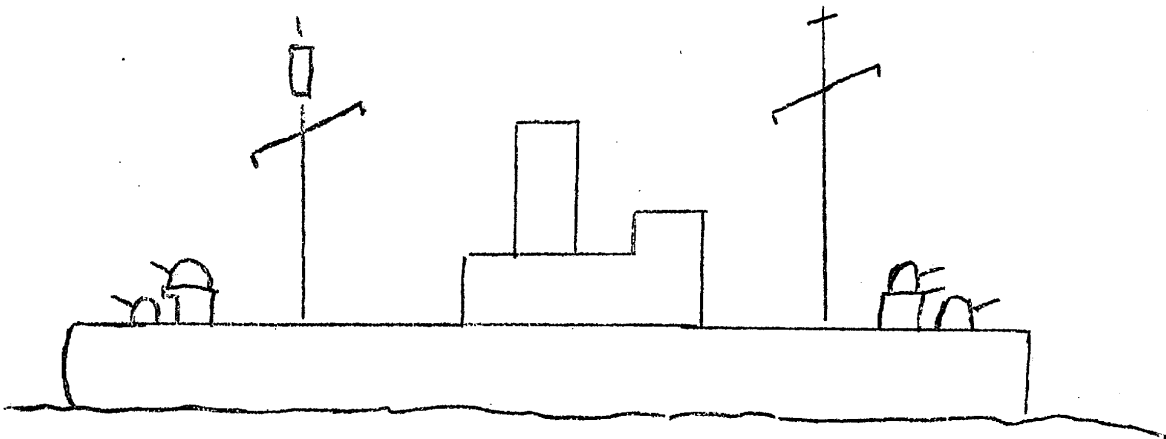
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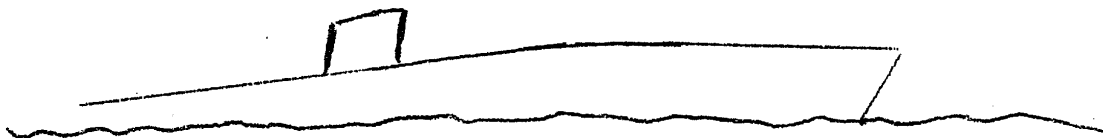
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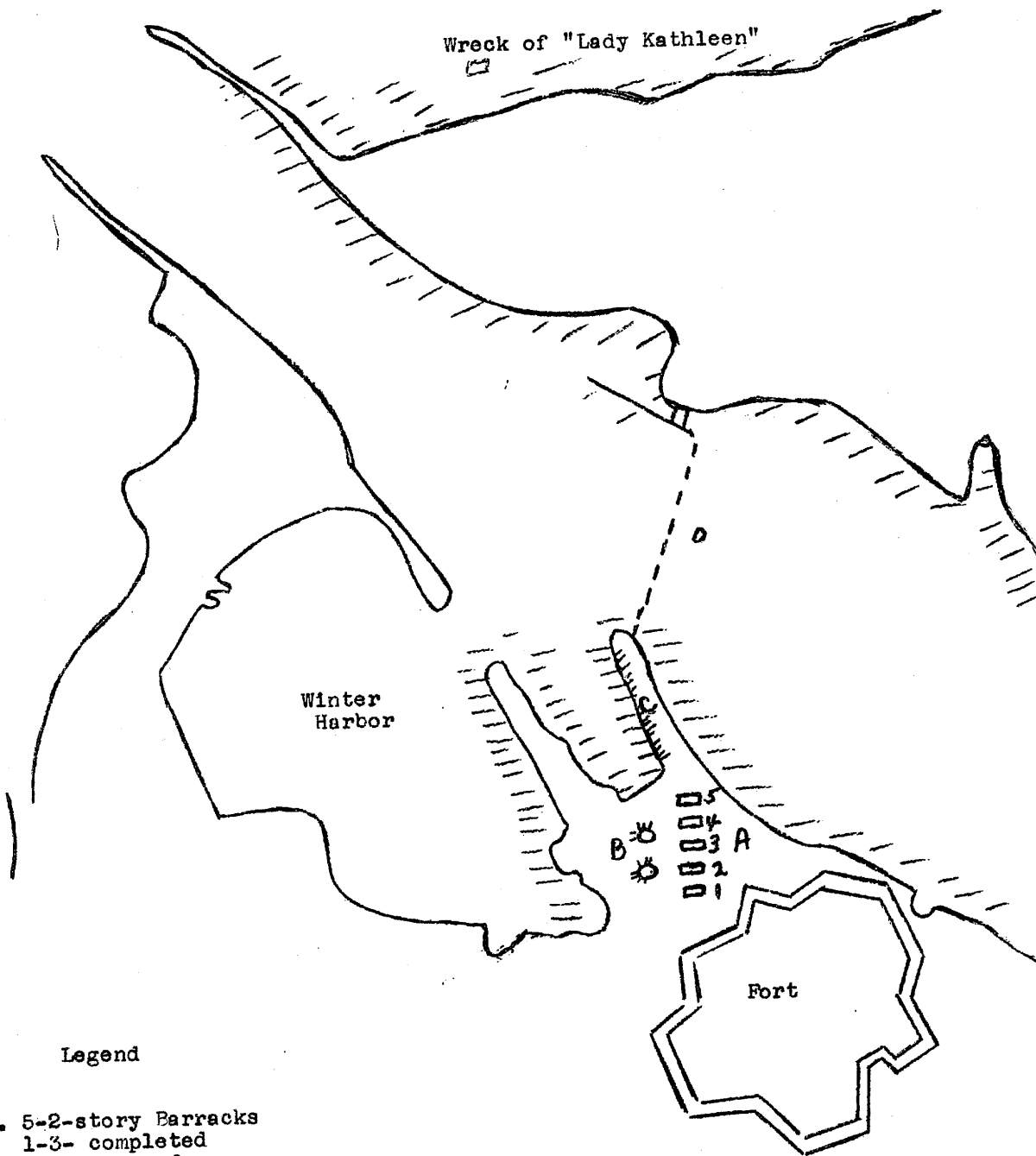
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Outline Drawings of Silhouettes of Soviet Ships Observed.

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Legend

- A. 5-2-story Barracks
1-3- completed
4-5- no roofs
- B. Coastal Battery
- C. Landing Barges and M.T.B.
drawn up on land.
- D. T-Boat - in ferry traffic

SKETCH MAP OF RIGA HARBOR

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