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Besides, at the time the ship "Sergei Kirov" was being escorted, two Japanese Military Aircraft came on April 17, at 15:45 hours and started for an unknown reason maneuvering and diving above the mast.

On April 18 at 14:00 hours the Soviet merchantman seized by the Japanese was escented into the Bay of Ito, where the Japanese Military Authorities conducted a superficial inspection of the ship and its cargo and although nothing prejudicial was detected, yet the ship was not freed. The Japanese kept the ship in the Bay under the surveillance of a trawler until April 22 inclusive and only in the morning of April 23, was it allowed to follow its own course.

In this way the Japanese Military Authorities committed the aforesaid unlawful action keeping the ship "Sergei Kirov" without any reason for 6 days and nights in the Ito Bay.

The Military Prosecutor of the Pacific Are Lt. Colonel of Justice /SFLICFKOV/

March 20, 1946, Vladivostok. CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENT:

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