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ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF A-2
HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST AIR FORCES
APO 925

24 December 1948

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Section
CHQ, FEC
APO 500

SUBJECT : Russian Merchant Vessels.

1. The report quoted below was received from the 315th Air Division to the Task Force 96.5.2 with information copy to this headquarters.

"Three Russian Merchant vessels sighted last five days out of shipping lane normally used by Soviets around southern tip Korea. One vessel sighted on the 18, 1 on the 19, and 1 on the 22 and 20. Sightings number 1 in each case. These are only Russian sightings in this area in two years surveillance without advance information. Request PAFSIC be notified immediately of any similar sightings made by destroyers of Tsushima Patrol. Suggest query vessels reason for eastern route."

2. Above report is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, A-2:

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SUBJECT: Russian Merchant Vessels

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, Far East Air Force, APO 925

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2. The inclosed map shows ship plots from June to December 1948. Ship sightings for the period covered in the basic message are plotted in red and are considered within the normal shipping lanes as shown by plots from previous sightings.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

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Map of ship's plots.

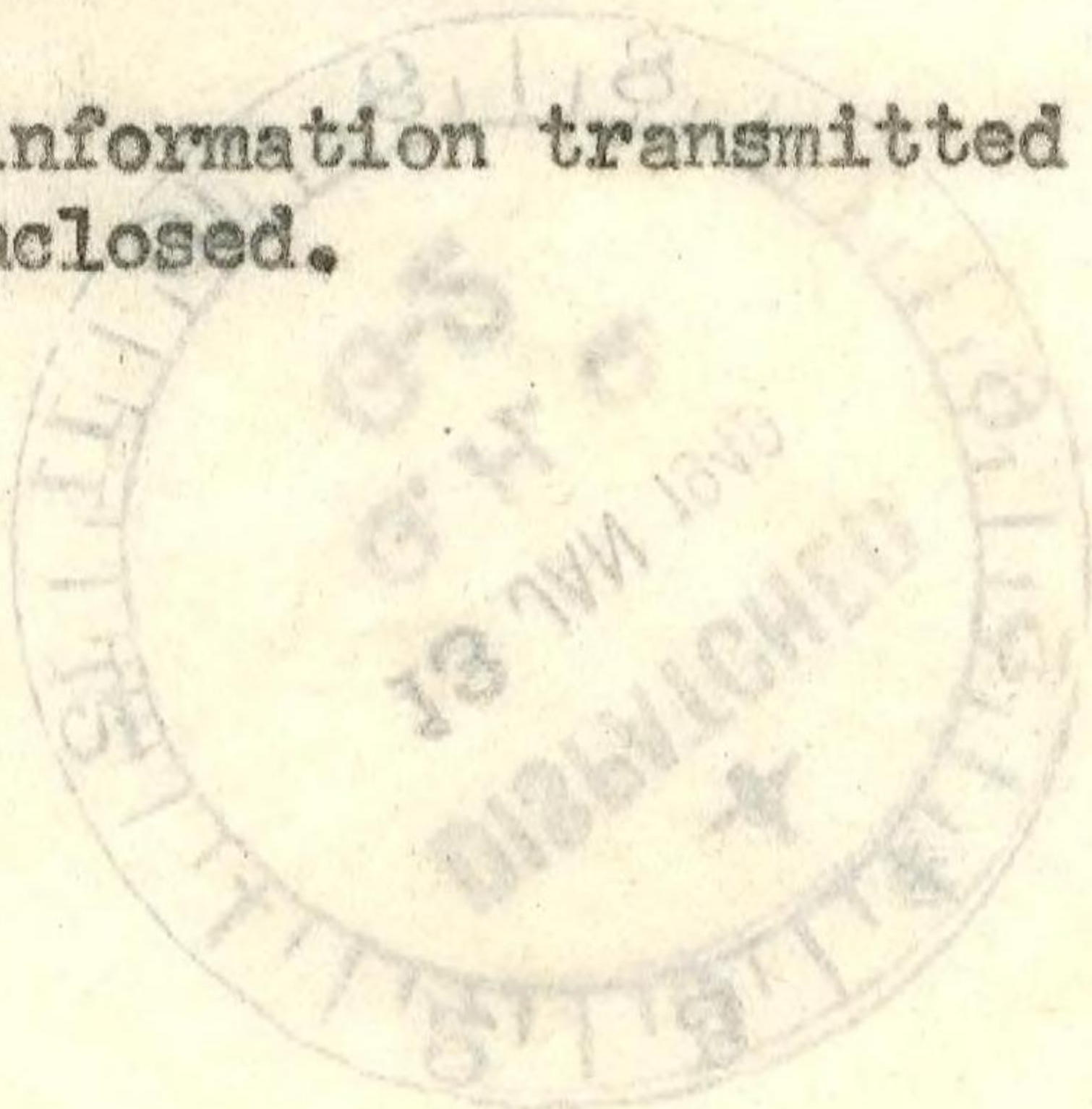
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Colonel, GSC
Executive Officer

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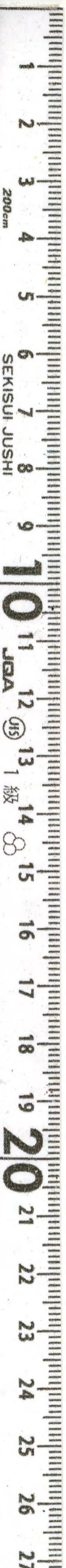
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SUBJECT: Russian Merchant Vessels

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, For Staff Air Force, APO 922

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2:

C. S. WEISS
Colonel, USA
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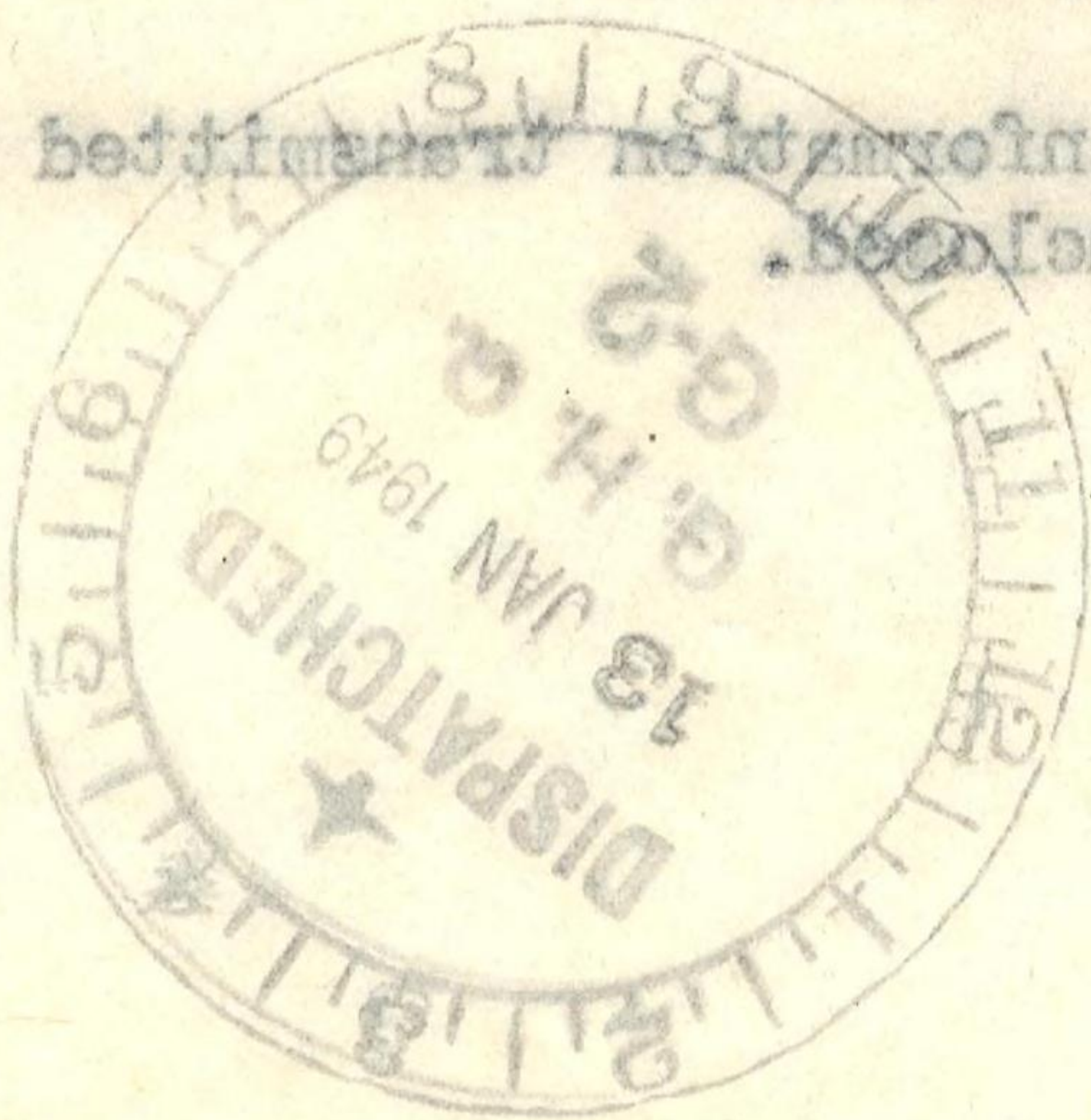
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SUBJECT: Movement of Certain Alien Ships

TO: Flag Intelligence Officer, Staff, Commander Naval Forces,
Far East, Navy No. 1165, Tokyo

1. The following information concerning certain alien ships is forwarded for your information:

a. The following ships were observed in Nakhodka port, Siberia, on or about 17 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, MIKLUKHA MAKLAI, loading flour.
- (2) An unidentified 4,000 ton cargo ship anchored north of the pier.
- (3) An unidentified 7,000 ton cargo ship anchored beside the MAKLAI.

b. The following ships were observed in Nakhodka port, Siberia, on or about 19 November 1948:

- (1) Three 2,000 ton freighters, TIKIRYAZEF, MENSHINSKI, and KONSOMOLETS ARKTIKI, anchored at the mouth of Nakhodka Bay.
- (2) MIKLUKHA MAKLAI moored to the north end of the pier.
- (3) ANDRE MARTI anchored approximately 400 meters north of the pier.
- (4) A 2,000 ton freighter, KAMCHATKA, left Nakhodka harbor during the afternoon of 19 November 1948.
- (5) Six small submarines of about 200 to 300 tons each anchored at northeast shore of Lindgol'ma Point.

c. The following ships were observed in Nakhodka port, Siberia, on or about 20 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton freighter, MIKLUKHA MAKLAI, moored to the north end of the pier and loading flour.
- (2) A 4,000 ton crabbing vessel, ANDRE MARTI, anchored near the pier.
- (3) Three 2,000 ton cargo ships, TIKIRYAZEF, MENSHINSKI, and KONSOMOLES ARKTIKI, anchored at the mouth of Nakhodka Bay.

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SUBJECT: Movement of Certain Alien Ships

TO: Flag Intelligence Officer, Staff, Commander Naval Forces,
Far East, Navy No. 1168, Tokyo

1. The following information concerning certain alien ships is
forwarded for your information:

a. The following ships were observed in Kakhodka port,
Siberia, on or about 17 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, NIKOLAI NIKOLAI, loading
floor.
- (2) An unidentified 4,000 ton cargo ship anchored north
of the pier.
- (3) An unidentified 7,000 ton cargo ship anchored
beside the NIKOLAI.

b. The following ships were observed in Kakhodka port,
Siberia, on or about 19 November 1948:

- (1) Three 2,000 ton freighters, YIRIKHAYEV, MURSHINSKI,
and KOMONOLITS ANKIRI, anchored at the mouth of
Kakhodka Bay.
- (2) NIKOLAI NIKOLAI moored to the north end of the
pier.
- (3) ANNE MARIE anchored approximately 400 meters north
of the pier.
- (4) A 2,000 ton freighter, KAMCHATKA, left Kakhodka
harbor during the afternoon of 19 November 1948.
- (5) Six small submarines of about 300 to 500 tons each
anchored at northeast shore of Lingoi's Point.

c. The following ships were observed in Kakhodka port,
Siberia, on or about 30 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton freighter, NIKOLAI NIKOLAI, moored to
the north end of the pier and loading floor.
- (2) A 4,000 ton crumbing vessel, G. H. M., anchored
beside the pier.
- (3) ANNE MARIE, 2,000 ton cargo ship, anchored at the
mouth of Kakhodka Bay.

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d. The following ships were observed in Nakhodka port, Siberia, on or about 23 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, MIKLUKHA MAKLAI, moored to the north end of the pier.
- (2) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, STEPAN RAZIN, moored behind the MAKLAI.
- (3) A 4,000 ton crabbing vessel, ANDRE MARTI, anchored near the pier.
- (4) A 3,000 ton and a 7,000 ton unidentified cargo ship anchored near the pier.
- (5) Six small submarines anchored at northeast bank of Lindgol'ma Point.
- (6) A 7,000 ton light draft cargo ship, KOLKHOZNIK, entered the bay at 1400 hours, 23 November 1948.

e. The following ships were observed in Nakhodka port, Siberia, on or about 24 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, MIKLUKHA MAKLAI, left Nakhodka Bay for the outer harbor at 1000 hours, 24 November 1948.
- (2) A 1,500 ton cargo ship, TEREZEV, and a 1,000 ton cargo ship, MINAMSKAYA, anchored near the pier. (These are probably the TIKIRYAZEF and the MENSHINSKI listed above; this time the names were seen through binoculars.)

f. The following ships were observed in Nakhodka port, Siberia, on or about 27 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, KOLKHOZNIK, anchored at the north end of the pier.
- (2) A 1,500 ton cargo ship, DMITRI LAPTEV, anchored at the south end of the pier.
- (3) A 10,000 ton passenger-cargo ship, FELIX DZERZHINSKI, anchored about 300 meters south of the pier.
- (4) A 1,500 ton cargo ship, TEREZEV, anchored about 1,500 meters northeast of the pier.
- (5) A 7,000 ton KAMENETS PODOL'SK, anchored about 1,200 meters northeast of the pier.
- (6) A 1,000 ton cargo ship, MINAMSKAYA, anchored about 2,000 meters northeast of the pier.
- (7) A 6,000 ton unidentified cargo ship entered Nakhodka Bay and anchored near the MINAMSKAYA at 1800 hours, 27 November 1948.

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g. The following ships were observed in Nakhodka port, Siberia, on or about 28 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, KOLKHOZNIK, anchored at the north end of the pier.
- (2) A 1,500 ton cargo ship, DMITRI LAPTEV, anchored at the south end of the pier.
- (3) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, STEPAN RAZIN, anchored alongside the LAPTEV.
- (4) A 10,000 ton cargo ship, FELIX DZERZHINSKI.
- (5) A 1,500 ton cargo ship, TEREZEV.
- (6) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, KAMENETS PODOL'SK.
- (7) A 1,000 ton cargo ship, MINAMSKAYA.

h. The following ships were observed in Nakhodka port, Siberia, on or about 30 November 1948:

- (1) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, STEPAN RAZIN.
- (2) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, CHIMILYANZEV, loading automobile tires and sacks of flour at the north end of the pier.
- (3) A 10,000 ton passenger-cargo ship, FELIX DZERZHINSKI.
- (4) A 7,000 ton cargo ship, KUIBYSHEV, entered Nakhodka Bay at 0830 hours, 30 November 1948.
- (5) Three unidentified cargo ships of 1,000, 1500, and 2,000 tons respectively.
- (6) Six small submarines of about 200 to 300 tons each anchored off Lindgol'ma Point.

i. The following ships were observed in inner Maacka harbor on 23 November 1948:

- (1) A 1,500 ton freighter, OLA, lying inactive.
- (2) A 2,200 ton semi-cargo ship, NEVA, lying inactive.
- (3) A 3,000 ton semi-cargo ship, CHITA, lying inactive.
- (4) A 2,000 ton freighter, VANSETTI, lying inactive.
- (5) A 100 ton patrol boat lying inactive.

j. The following ships were observed in inner Maacka harbor, Karafuto, on 25 November 1948:

- (1) A 3,500 ton passenger ship, ANIVA, docked at 1110 hours, 25 November 1948 and discharged approximately 2,000 immigrants.
- (2) A 3,000 ton freighter, CHITA, docked at 0830 hours, 25 November 1948.
- (3) One 800 ton after-engined freighter lying inactive.

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k. The following ships were observed anchored outside of the breakwater of Maoka harbor on 25 November 1948:

- (1) A 600 ton after-engined freighter, CHUKOTKA.
- (2) A 2,500 ton freighter, ARKOS.

l. The following ships were observed in inner Maoka harbor, Karafuto, on 29 November 1948:

- (1) A 3,000 ton freighter, CHITA, lying inactive.
- (2) A 600 ton freighter, SERP, lying inactive.
- (3) A 500 ton freighter, CHUKOTKA, lying inactive.
- (4) A 80 ton freighter, USERLNI, lying inactive.

m. A 2,200 ton freighter, OSSMUSSAR, was observed anchored outside the breakwater of Maoka harbor, Karafuto, on 29 November 1948.

n. The following ships were observed in inner Maoka harbor, Karafuto, on 30 November 1948:

- (1) A 2,500 ton freighter, KOVDA, with port designation, "Vladivostok," arrived at 1400 hours, 30 November 1948 from Otomari. The ship loaded coal.
- (2) A 3,000 ton freighter, CHITA, lying inactive.
- (3) A 2,000 ton freighter, OSSMUSSAR, lying inactive.
- (4) A 1,000 ton after-engined oil tanker lying inactive.
- (5) A 50 ton patrol boat lying inactive.

2. Information has also been received that Nakhodka pier can easily accommodate three Liberty class ships, and it is still being lengthened.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that the information contained in paragraph 1 above has been received from numerous sources.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3:

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Asst Executive Officer

MEMO FOR RECORD:

Fwded in accordance with COMNAVFE desire for info re certain alien ships. Sources: Rpts, Hq, Maizuru Repatriation Center, dtd 27 Nov, 29 Nov, 4 Dec, 6 Dec, 8 Dec, 10 Dec, 12 Dec, 14 Dec, 16 Dec, 18 Dec, and 19 Dec 48; and Rpts G-2 ICS corps dtd 2 Dec, 3 Dec, 6 Dec, 7 Dec, 8 Dec, and 9 Dec 48, subj, "Port Summary Rpts." Rpts fwded from DAI to Targets Branch thru T/Int and CIS.

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