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22 April 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CENTER LANE Interview Summary - CL-1007/8305/01 (U)

1. (S/NOFORN) On 150900 April 1983, source #01 was interviewed by #66 in an attempt to locate and identify a ship in a harbor area known to source from a previous interview (CL-1006/8305/01) (14 April 83).  
(S/CL-3/NOFORN)
2. ~~(CL-3/S/NOFORN)~~ For this interview source was simply asked to focus his attention on the ship in the harbor area he had described in the previous interview. Source was not provided any other identifying data.
3. (U) A transcript of the interview was prepared including a narrative explanation of the drawings which source provided (see Incl 1).
4. (U) A DA Form 341 (Agent Report) was prepared for the sponsor. This report related the salient points of the interview. Attached as an exhibit to the Agent Report was a copy of source's drawings (see Incl 2).

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TRANSCRIPT

#66: This will be a CENTER LANE Interview for 0900 hours 15 April 1983. Relax now, relax and concentrate, relax. Focus your attention now, right now in the present time, 15 April 1983, on the ship, you have identified, in the harbor area you know well.

#01: Just a minute.

#66: I will wait.

#01: Okay. I'm right at the nose looking down the right side...impression is dark, dark, getting dark.

#66: Okay. Focus on 0600 hours, 0600 hours 15 April, 0600 hours 15 April 1983.

#01: ..See a ...see some guards hanging around with...very few workers yet.

#66: Move to 1200 hours, 1200 hours 15 April 1983, 1200 hours.

#01: See the ship's nose is closed. It's a....almost ready to depart. It's got something to wait on, waiting for a tug or a... some kind of boat.

#66: Scan and identify ship.

#01: Got a pale green color, pale green with a...see a red cargo line, that's not fully loaded, it's only partially loaded but it's getting under way.

#66: Identify ship.

#01: .....Only getting a sensation that's a male named one, which is unusual, think it's German. It's a German name...See the...double dots over an "N", letters are white, red background.....

#66: Describe the ship's crew.

#01: There's an emblem, just a minute, I'm working on it.

#66: I will wait.

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#01: .....See a red circle with a white star in the center....It's like on the side of the..cabin area to the rear...on the...stack,...yeah, it's a red circle with a star, white star.....Crew is a...mixed....See a...small heavy set, dark skinned people...Thick black hair.....feeling for...a... like Yugoslav, Greece area.

#66: Break that out.

#01: ...I'm searching for an identity for the crew...and, and I just keep finding myself in that area of the world, when I do that....

#66: Okay, focusing on the ship, move in time to 1800 hours, 1800 hours 15 April 1983.

#01: .....That sea moving through islands, continental land mass to the south, undoubtedly islands, shallow.

#66: Take a moment now to obtain a perspective so that you may render a map later, remembering the point of origin.

#01: Wait.....okay.

#66: Focusing on the ship once again, move to 0600 hours 16 April, 0600 hours 16 April.

#01: .....Going through a channel that narrows. It's like a double entry channel, neck of water, but it's very wide.....

#66: Remember and move now to 1200 hours 16 April, 1200 hours 16 April.

#01: ....Just off a coastline, it's all rock, very rugged, high cliffs of black.

#66: Remember and move now to 1800 hours 16 April.

#01: .....Entering a....inland waterway of some kind, got a..man constructed plot of land on the right, some heavy concrete type thing on the left, (mumble) and in the back.....Got a feeling it's...different kind of water.....Big city somewhere near by....It's an old city.

#66: Break it out.

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#01: ....very old. Trying to identify the city and I just see narrow walk way type streets with...all overhead arches and old clay roofs....

#66: Okay. Focusing on the ship now, move to 0600 17 April.

#01: Just water everywhere..shore to the right, maybe 30 miles.

#66: All right. Now, focusing on 0600 hours on the 17th, water everywhere, move now with the ship to its destination.

#01: .....See the ...dock..in a harbor inside a bay inside a bay. It's like a place in a place in a place. Many white buildings, feeling of heat, white buildings...beaches on the right,..many soldiers.

#66: Break this out.

#01: Looking for civilian population, I can't find any. See soldiers.

#66: Describe.

#01: ...Everybody's a soldier, even the women.

#66: Say again.

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#66: Describe the uniform.

#01: ....Tan,..khaki tan,..loose fitting, sleeves rolled up.....Don't see any markings on it...Small stripes in the epaulets?

#66: Describe this geographic location.

#01: ...An awful lot of sand...and a..palm trees...looking for something identifiable and all I keep seeing is..very white buildings.....coconuts...see like a place on the wharf to the left that's...piles and piles of..bags, white bags.....

#66: Describe the docking area and the surrounding area from overhead.

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- #01: It's a...city is almost square. Roads are square, main road along the beach, mostly beaches to the right. Docking facility is like a curved "E"..a..man made jetty..to the left and coming behind. Some more houses, see smaller patrol boats...large arms of land going on both sides out to the sea....Get a feeling it's a sea and not an ocean.
- #66: Break this out.
- #01: ....It's a smaller feeling. Color of the water is different.
- #66: Describe.
- #01: It's not black or dark green, it's like..a..more of a brown or muddy color.....Lot of sand, I just..growing impression of much sand.
- #66: Okay. Now previously you had looked at some people and I'm confused whether the dock area and the city area are separate or one in the same, and you said you found only military.
- #01: .....Everybody's military...I should say everybody's militaristic, I don't know about.. formal membership...See few in civilian clothes.
- #66: Describe the people to me.
- #01: ...Medium height, small builds, small frame, very lean, dark skin.....Dominant hair color is black or brown....That's all I get.
- #66: Okay. Describe the activities on board the ship at this location.
- #01: ....It will be unloaded.
- #66: Break this out.
- #01: Nothing's happening now, but it will be unloaded, I see a..nose going up and unloading....just clean it out (mumble) unload it.
- #66: All right, I'd like you to focus now on an individual of your choice and these activities going on. Find an individual of your choice, focus down on him and describe specifically his activity to me.

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- #01: It's like a ship's officer on the deck, swinging on a rail and he's yelling something..to some people down on the dock, using a lot hand sign language.....He's kind of supervising the unloading. Seem to be driving everything off...Using fork lifts to go in and out....
- #66: Examine now, examine the nationality and language of this ship identities and the nationalities and language of the city or port identities.
- #01: Totally different.
- #66: Describe.
- #01: ..Just don't understand each other..When I get an impression of Slavic and the other I get an impression of ...more lilting than guttural type language.
- #66: This Slavic belongs to whom?
- #01: Guttural...ship...It's more like Greek, Yugoslavian on the ship. Lilting language to the people.
- #66: I didn't understand.
- #01: ..The Slavic language is the ship with a--
- #66: --Yes?
- #01: --Greek, Yugoslavian. Lilting language is the people there, the country.
- #66: Okay. Now, I have no further questions. Now comes the opportunity for you to explore beyond the confines of my questions, to examine the problem from your unique perspective. I will wait as you do this.
- #01: ...The a..material on this ship is from one country. The owner of the ships another country. Two of the ships from two other countries and the deliveries made to another country. It's all different....Ah, it's..my impression that...the a..owner of the cargo is Soviet. Ship's East German. Crew is Greek, Yugoslavian, mix. And the a..port-of-call is..Arabic. I'm not sure about the last. The lilting of the language that causes me to think that.

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DRAWING EXPLANATION

- #01: Okay, drawings, Page #1 is of the ship. I wrote departs 15 April 1983, but I got the information on the ship over the entire period of time.
- #01: Page #2. It's important to know also on page #1 that this is a, this is my concept of the ship, okay, so I did it in silhouette to show the approximate location of bridge and everything to the length of the hull and everything, It may be a lot longer and lower to the water and whatnot, but this is kind of like a silhouette of what it looks like.
- #01: Page #2 is the harbor in relationship to the city, beaches, mountains, hills, bay.
- #66: Which harbor is this now?
- #01: This is the harbor of destination.
- #66: Okay.
- #01: This is the destination of the ship. It arrives some time after 17 April 83, but I don't have an ultimate, you know it's an unknown date, cause I wasn't working on that at the time. That's this ultimate destination where it's totally unloaded.
- #66: And in your opinion, how could I identify this harbor from all other harbors in the world?
- #01: Well, page #3 is the interpretation of the harbor inside the bay, inside the bay. I kept asking myself, "where is this place?", and I kept getting all kinds of overlay, Cuba, North Africa, South Africa and all that kind of stuff. So what's important is that the design of this harbor and the way the bay is inside of a larger bay is very important.
- #66: Match the pattern of a bay inside a bay and then a harbor inside of that.
- #01: Right.
- #66: There's three layered situation.

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- #01: Right. So you may want to go to any these countries I mentioned and see what kind of harbors they have.
- #66: Okay.
- #01: And find which is most similar to this. That's essentially it, other than the fact it was a very military feeling type place.
- #66: Okay.
- #01: Okay.

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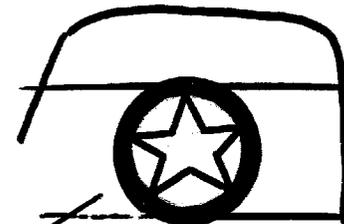
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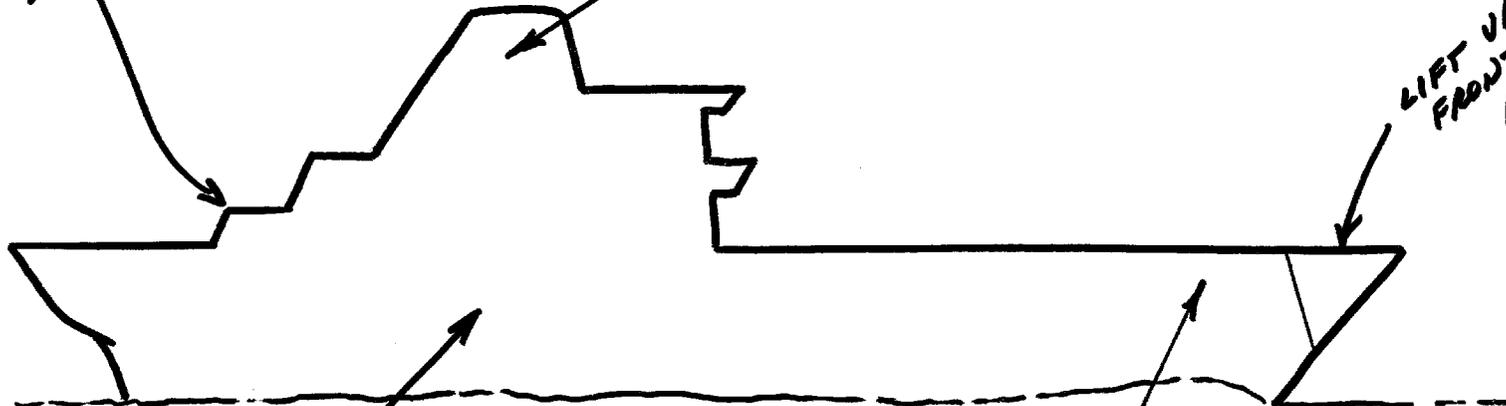
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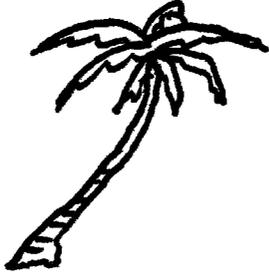
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 15 April 1983, Source CL-01 was interviewed in an attempt to locate and identify a ship in a harbor area known to Source. Source stated substantially as follows:

The ship was pale green with a red cargo line. The ship may have had a male name, possibly German. The name was written in white letters on a red background. On the stack was an emblem which appeared to be a red circle with a white star in the center (drawing 1). Source described the crew of the ship as mixed, small heavy set, dark skinned people with thick black hair. The crew spoke in a gutteral Slavic language, perhaps Greek or Yugoslavian. On or about 15 April 1983, the ship departed even though it was only partially loaded. On its way to open sea the ship sailed through the following areas:

- Islands with a continental land mass to the south
- A very wide channel that narrowed at the entry.
- A very rugged coastline of rock and high black cliffs.

An inland waterway with a man made plot of land on the right and heavy concrete on the left with a big city nearby. Source described this city as old with narrow walkway type streets, overhead arches, and old clay roofs.

After leaving the inland waterway the ship reached open sea with land on the right approximately 30 miles away.

Source indicated the destination of the ship was a harbor in an unknown country. Source described the harbor as being in a bay area within a larger bay (drawings 2 and 3). The harbor was a military controlled area. The climate

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At the end of the interview Source volunteered, without being asked, that the owner of the cargo on the ship was Soviet; the ship was East German; the crew of the ship was a Greek/Yugoslavian mix, and the port of call was Arabic.

No further amplifying information concerning the identify of the ship or its location was obtained from Source during this interview.

Attached hereto as EXHIBIT I are drawings provided by Source.

AGENT'S NOTES: Information reported by Source may be accurate in its chronological sequence but inaccurate in the specific date/time referenced.

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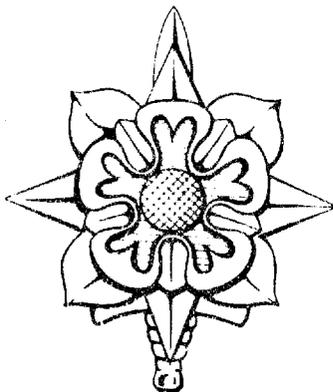
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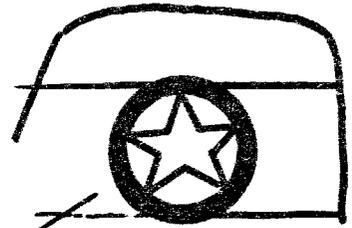
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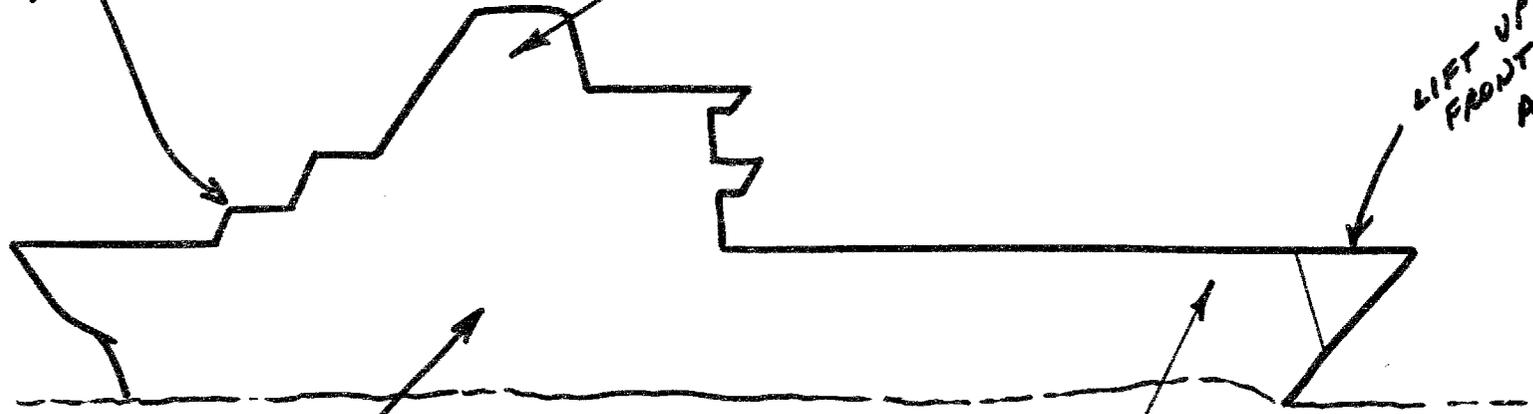
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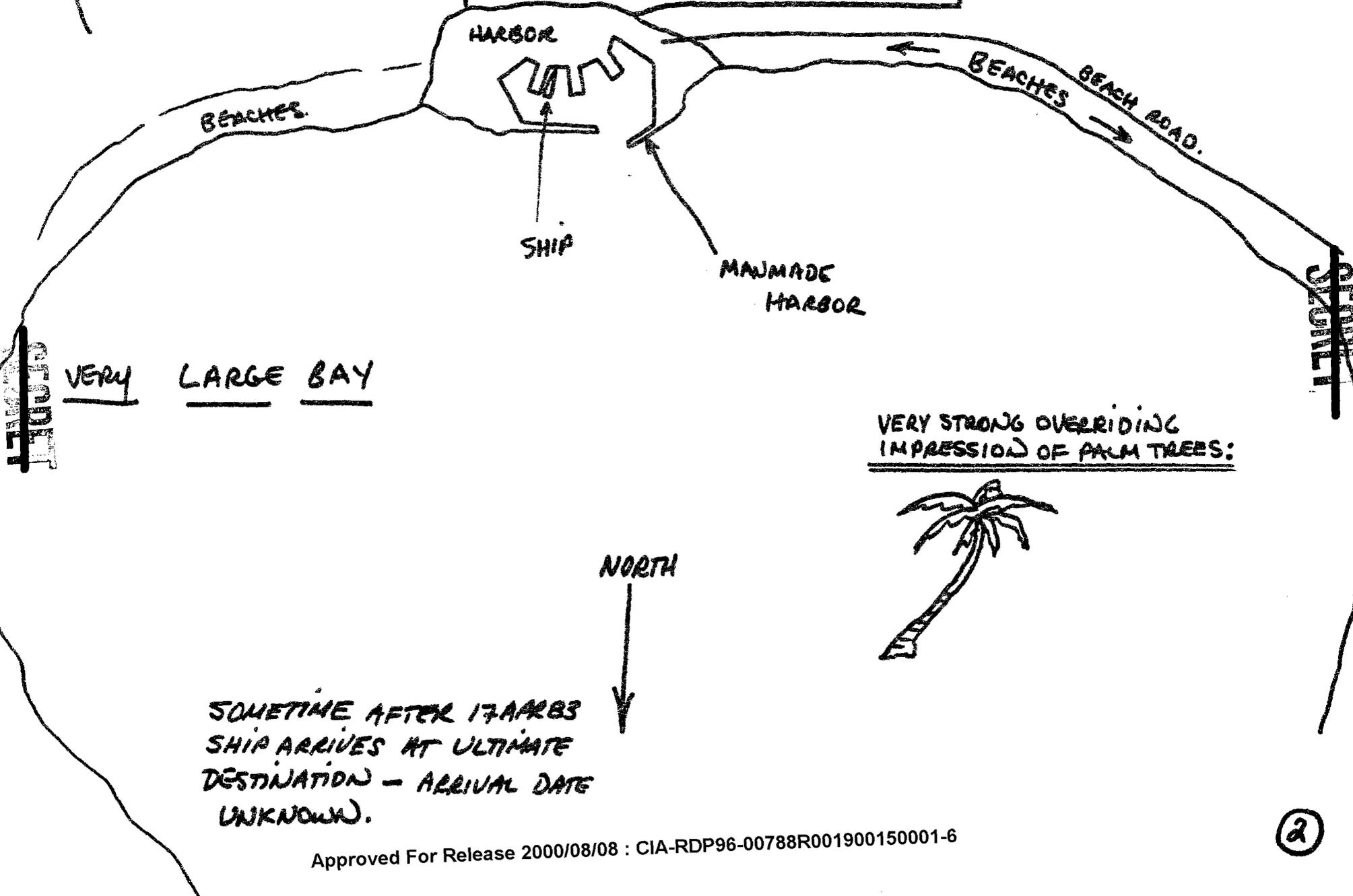
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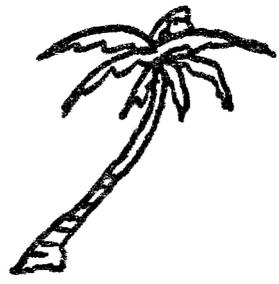
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