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A representative of the Purchasing Commission who is in Akutan Harbor reported:

1. On the morning of 7 April after the departure of the ice breaker "STALIN" from Akutan Harbor [2 groups unrecovered] Japanese submarine attack [1 group unrecovered] American tanker "SOLANA". Since the tanker received a warning signal from its convoy vessel, the attack was unsuccessful.

2. The same source reported: The Americans are evidently preparing for a decisive operation in the Aleutians. The commander of defense of the Aleutians has forbidden sending us information about [1 group unrecovered]. On 12 May, to a request by PETERSKIJ to the Naval ministry about the possibility of our ships crossing via Unimak, by passing Akutan, they replied: "The stop-over is unavoidable, due to developing operations. [?But?] soon we will drive out the Japanese

[9 groups unrecoverable]

without restrictions". [6 groups unrecovered]  
in the Aleutians

[11 groups unrecovered]

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