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Report, SS ABANGAREZ, dated
June 4, 1943.

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From: The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
To : The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Report of Voyage, S.S. ABANGAREZ.

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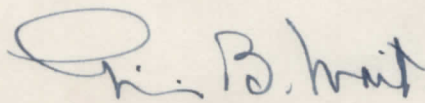
June 7, 1943

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From: U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Liverpool, England.
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

Subject: Voyage of S.S. ABANGAREZ from New York, N.Y., to
Liverpool, England - Report of.

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4 June, 1943

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard, S.S. Abangarez
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: (1) The U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Liverpool, England.
(2) The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces In Europe
Subject: Voyage of the S.S. Abangarez from New York, N.Y. to Liverpool, England- Report of.
References: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers on Merchant Vessels. paragraph 436.

- (1) Particulars of ship and voyage, S. S. Abangarez
 - (a) Port of departure- New York City
 - (b) Date of sailing- 19 May, 1943
 - (c) Date of arrival- 4 June, 1943
 - (d) Port of arrival- Liverpool, England
 - (e) Owners- U.S. Maritime Commission, chartered to Army Transport Service.
 - (f) Agents- United Fruit Co.
 - (g) Tonnage- 4539 gross
 - (h) Cargo- Explosives
 - (i) Master- J.H. Patch, U.S. Citizen

(2) The S.S. Abangarez proceeding in convoy of 57 ships and 11 escort vessels left New York on May 19, 1943. At 0500, June 2, the S.S. Abangarez in company with 6 other merchant vessels and one escort ship broke off from the main convoy and went ahead at 12 knots. At 2140 of the same day, Lat. 56-55N. Lo. 18-24W., the general alarm was sounded by the third mate on watch who sighted a periscope about 800 yards on the starboard quarter. About 10 rounds of 20 mm. and 2 rounds of 4" (one at 2000 yards and one at 1000 yards) were fired in that general direction. The escort vessel dropped astern to investigate, the results of which were unknown. The S.S. Abangarez arrived in Liverpool, England on 4 June, 1943 without further incident. The average speed of the voyage was 9.5 knots.

(3) The commercial radio operator appeared to carry out "Wartime Radio Instructions For Merchant Vessels", and the Master and officers carried out "Instructions For Naval Transportation and U. S. Merchant Vessels In Time of War."

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