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FIRST ENDORSEMENT TO  
CO Armed Guard Unit  
SS ABIEL FOSTER ltr of  
15 June 1945

27 July 1945

From: Port Director, NTS, Twelfth Naval District  
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subject: SS ABIEL FOSTER - Voyage Report of.

1. Forwarded.

2. The matter mentioned in sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph one of basic letter regarding the delay at Eniwetok has been discussed with the Armed Guard Officer. No representation was made to the Merchant Marine Hearing Unit of the U. S. Coast Guard regarding this matter because:

- (a) On account of the light condition of the ship and the state of the weather. It is considered to be a matter of discretion in seamanship and not a military matter coming under the discretion of the Armed Guard Officer.
- (b) It was further stated by the Armed Guard Officer that some delay in communications resulted by the vessel's inability to raise the Port Director at Eniwetok for a considerable portion of one of the days in question.

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