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S.S. ABIEL FOSTER letter dated 7 Nov. 1942.

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From: The Port Director, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
To : The Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Structural Test Firing of 3"50 Cal. Gun
Installed on the S.S. ABIEL FOSTER.

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7 NOVEMBER, 1942

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FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, ARMED GUARD UNIT, S.S.
ABIEL FOSTER

TO: THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, NAVY DEP'T,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF SHIPS, NAVY
DEP'T, WASHINGTON, D.C.
THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY
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VIA: THE PORT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, GUANTANAMO
BAY, CUBA.

SUBJECT: STRUCTURAL TEST FIRING OF 3"50 CAL. GUN
INSTALLED ON THE S.S. ABIEL FOSTER.

REFERENCE: (A) OPNAV LTR. SERIAL 396123, 1 DEC., 1941.

1. THREE ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM THE 3"50 CAL.
GUN MOUNTED ON THE CENTERLINE AT BOW OF VESSEL ON 29 OCT.
1942.

- (A) ONE ROUND FIRED AT 20 DEGREES ELEVATION
 - (B) ONE ROUND FIRED AT 40 DEGREES ELEVATION
 - (C) ONE ROUND FIRED AT 70 DEGREES ELEVATION
2. THE FIRING WAS DONE AT THE ABOVE ELEVATIONS

AS THE SHIP WAS TRAVELLING IN CONVOY AND IT WAS THOUGHT
THAT THE GREATEST DEGREE OF SAFETY TO OTHER SHIPS WOULD BE
OBTAINED AT THESE ELEVATIONS.

3. THE HOLDING DOWN BOLTS, THE GUN PLATFORM
AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS WERE EXAMINED AND FOUND TO BE SECURE.

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