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FROM: THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ARMED GUARD UNIT,
S.S. ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY, GROSS TONS 7176
C/O ARMED GUARD CENTER (PACIFIC)

TO: THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

VIA: THE PORT DIRECTOR HOLLANDIA DUTCH N.G. NAVAL DISTRICT.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF VOYAGE, S.S. ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY

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A.S. Fishburne and amount of time before we have to report the progress etc

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