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Op-16-B-5

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MEMORANDUM for Coast GuardAtt: Lt. Comdr. F.E. Pollio, USCG, Rm. 7212,
1300 E St., N.W.SUBJECT: SS AFRICAN DAWN, inspection reportEnclosure: (A) Excerpt from USNO Rio Grande, Rio Grande do
Sul, Brazil, Inspection Report on Subject
vessel, dated April 26, 19431. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for
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EXCERPT FROM USNO RIO GRANDE, RIO GRANDE DO SUL, BRAZIL SHIP INSPECTION
REPORT, SS AFRICAN DAWN (U.S.), WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST
TO THE COAST GUARD

Except for the first night in port, watch on board was very satisfactory; shore watchmen alert and at their posts; local volunteer anti-sabotage night patrol kept watch on board from midnight to 0600 each day.

Morale on board good as a whole but there were several flagrant cases of drunkenness and misconduct among the merchant seamen; most culpable of which was Mike POLK AB/Maint, a Czechoslovakian citizen who in a drunken state struck the second officer on board. Other members of the merchant seamen who were arrested for being drunk and disorderly were: P.S.CHUM, AB/MAINT, Pat C. HARRIS, Wiper, Stam MAHIMOUSKI, E. VAN DORSTEN, FM/WT (Dutch).

Anti-sabotage precautions good.

No cases of V/D on board.

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