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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Virgil Thomas formerly a fireman on the SS AMERICAN ROBIN. Report states that Thomas failed to join the AMERICAN ROBIN in Rio de Janeiro about September 1943 and that since that time to the present he failed to report to the proper authority in Rio to secure an assignment to another vessel, and violated a WSA regulation by not residing at the Merchant Seamen's Club there. It is also stated and admitted by Thomas that he pledged his seaman's papers in Rio as collateral to secure cash.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

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