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CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM

From: Chief, Merchant Marine Inspection
To: Chief Intelligence Officer

Subject: Lifeboat equipment

Inclosure: (A) Memorandum from CNO dated December 10, 1942, re
Subject, Serial No. 02888216, CONFIDENTIAL

1. Inclosure (A) is returned herewith. The Panamanian SS ANEROID is not subject to inspection by the Merchant Marine Inspectors of the Coast Guard.

2. Insofar as U. S. vessels are concerned, instructions have been issued to the field force, that the pelican hooks, used to secure gripes on lifeboats, are secured on board the vessel and when released, the ring on the gripes is outboard of the lifeboat and the pelican hook remaining on the deck. Grab rails, which would be likely to foul releasing gear or gripes, have been tapered or attached in such manner that it is not possible for equipment to foul them.

3. Under the provisions of Sub-Chapter O, 46 C.F.R., all sailors on board American vessels are provided with jack knives, which would appear to obviate the necessity of searching for such an instrument during the excitement of releasing lifeboats.

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