

CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT COMMANDER H. H. CURRY:

The following information, received from the Third Naval District under date of 14 April, 1941, is furnished for your information:

"Edward Jost, President of the Czech. National Alliance in Miami is reported to have interviewed Mr. Arnulf Novak, a Czech, chief steward who stated "ARAUCA" had been sabotaged by order of the New Orleans German Consul. Damage is latent but upon operation of engines the generator will burn out. The captain and engineer know location of sabotage, also claims German agents are behind present strikes. Novak fearful of close relatives in Germany."

L. T. JONES.

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