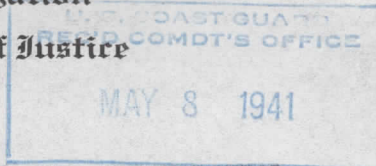


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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Rear Admiral R. R. Waesche
Commandant
United States Coast Guard
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral:

Information has been received from a confidential source to the effect that the motivating equipment of the German ship S S Arauca at Port Everglades, Florida, had been damaged in such a manner that inspection of the machinery would not reveal the sabotage but that if attempts were made to operate the vessel, the machinery would become completely disabled within a period of from three to eight hours operation.

This information has been furnished to Lieutenant P. L. Stinson, Commander of the Coast Guard base at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I am bringing it to your attention also in the event you may desire to have an additional inspection made of this ship to determine if the allegations of the confidential informant may be true.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

