

CONFIDENTIAL

6 February, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF MERCHANT SHIP CONTROL:

According to information received from the Office of Naval Intelligence that office received a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 5 February, 1941, to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had received a report on the SS ARAUCA from an informant whose reliability has not been determined. According to this informant, he recently had lunch on board the SS ARAUCA and at that time was told by certain unidentified members of the ARAUCA's complement that "the entire cargo had been sold and that there was enough fuel and materials on board the vessel to blow her up or to scuttle her".

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