



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.,
8 June, 1940.

BASE SIX

From: Commanding Officer, Base Six.
To : Commander, Jacksonville District.

Subject: German Merchant Vessel, ARAUCA.

Reference: (a) Letter, Chief of Staff, Seventh Naval District, 5 June, 1940, A6-8/QS15/A16-3/ET14 (GBH-PM).

Inclosure: 1. Copy of reference (a).

1. Inclosure (1), which is self explanatory, is forwarded herewith.

2. Base Six is continuing to maintain an armed guard on the ARAUCA. A flexible armed boarding party consisting of an officer and enlisted men commensurate with the duties required has been formed. In addition, the duty boat plus additional boats, if available, will be detailed to proceed and take station alongside ARAUCA.

3. A detailed bill has been prepared listing duties and stations to be occupied. Various men who have been on constant guard duty have drawn sketches showing locations of vital stations above and below deck that must be occupied. In addition machinist's mates are quietly making detailed inspections of the engineroom, fireroom, pump room, etc., and endeavoring to locate fuel valves, main switch board, flooding valves, and other important objects which could be utilized in the destruction of the ship. A drawing of the engineroom, fireroom, pumproom, shaft alleys, will be made as soon as necessary data is received from the above mentioned machinist's mates.

4. In addition to the above the following thought is advanced for consideration. All valves, switchboards, pumps and machinery of all types are tagged but the inscriptions thereon are in the German language. It is thought that an agent who can read German can be obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Miami. The agent could be issued a uniform and stand a regular watch with the now detailed guard and in a few days could locate all vital valves, cut-off switches and other necessary objects that would be used in sabotage. If this plan is approved immediate contact will be made with the

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H.E. Grogan".

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