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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Jose Ortega, formerly fireman-watertender on the SS ARICKAREE.

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Report states that Ortega was (1) absent from duty without leave on 13 and 14 October 1943 while his vessel was in Aruba, (2) absent from duty without leave on 10 and 11 November 1943 in Brisbane, Australia, (3) absent from duty without leave on 10 December 1943 in San Nicolas, Aruba, (4) drunk and disorderly on 11 December 1943 in San Nicolas, Aruba, conducting himself in a troublesome manner and threatening bodily harm to fireman Arturo Hernandez and entering the Engine Room without permission.

Report also states Ortega was signed off the ARICKAREE at Balboa, C.Z. by mutual consent.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

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