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**CONFIDENTIAL**

To: DCGO, 3rd Naval District

Subj: MV AUDACIOUS (Pan.)

1. The following, dated 25 August, 1943, received at Headquarters from the Office of Naval Intelligence and quoted from a communication from the Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, is forwarded for your information and such attention as you deem appropriate:

"On 26 July, 1943, a fire started in a packing case which had been removed from Subject ship at Southampton. The case contained tins of paint, oily rags, and similar articles.

"A chemical examination of the burnt rags showed that the fire was due to leakage from a tin of red paint. This paint was of a type which is particularly dangerous from a spontaneous heating point of view, especially when brought into contact with textiles."

The Naval District Intelligence Officer, 3ND, is said to be cognizant.

2. Headquarters has been advised that the Subject vessel sailed from the Port of New York on 8 July, 1943. It is not clear from the quotation above whether the packing case mentioned is part of the ship's stores or housekeeping equipment or whether it had been placed with the vessel's cargo.

F. E. POLLIO  
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