

29 August, 1942

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From: Commandant, United States Coast Guard.  
 To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet. 5127  
 Subject: Third Naval District Boarding Report on SS BALLOT dated 31 May, 1942.  
 Enclosure: (A) Subject report.  
 Reference: (a) Communication 8 August, 1942, from COMINCH to Commandant, U.S.C.G. with attachments (File FFL/ALL-1(13) Serial 01716).

1. Inasmuch as the SS BALLOT is under the Panamanian flag and as the Master, Henry BEJER does not hold an American license there appears to be no action which may be taken by the Coast Guard in his case.

2. Appropriate notations have been made with reference to the actions of the other crew members of the SS BALLOT mentioned in Enclosure (A).

C. H. JONES,  
 Acting Assistant Commandant.

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Capt. Shepheard:

As the SS BALLOT is under the Panamanian flag, and Capt. Bejer does not hold an American license, no action can be taken by us.

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Date..... 15 August, 1942.....

Memorandum for- Captain H. C. Shephard:

Subject: SS BALLOT; alleged incompetence of Master and certain crew members.

Enclosure: (A) Communication of 8 August, 1942 from COMINCH to Commandant, USCG, with attachments.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information and such attention as may be deemed appropriate.

2. Ultimate return of this correspondence to Intelligence after initialling, is requested.

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From: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
To : Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.  
Subject: Third Naval District Boarding Report on  
S.S. BALLOT, dated May 31, 1942.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of subject report.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for such action as may be deemed advisable.

2. Details of enclosure (A) indicate that further investigation of the actions of Captain Henry Bejer, Master of the S.S. BALLOT is warranted. Should further testimony corroborate this report steps should be taken toward the revocation of his license.

*- to American District*

3. It would appear that surveillance should be maintained on the Boatswain Bernard Gallagher, Third Engineer Adams, Chief Steward Elving Dethlefsen, and Radio Operator Ernest Cone.

4. It is requested that enclosure (A) be returned to this office when action in this case is completed.

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