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District Coast Guard Officer, First Naval District,
Commandant.
From: Commandant
To: District Coast Guard Officer, 1st Naval District 390-958
Subject: SS BERKSHIRE, fired on outside of Portland,
Maine harbor.

1. Information received at Headquarters indicates that the Subject vessel was fired on by the Coast Guard just outside of Portland harbor on 17 October, 1942 at approximately 2130. The Master stated that there was not enough time to answer the blinker request for identification as the Coast Guard fired within a few seconds after giving the blinker signal.

2. The foregoing is for your information and comment.

At 2100 Q, a vessel was observed by the YMS boat off Portland Sea Bury and at 2123 Q the vessel was challenged by blinker. No reply to the L. T. CHALKER, Assistant Commandant. At 2131 Q, the BERKSHIRE acknowledged the challenge by giving her name.

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Reference: (a) Headquarters letter, CG-IOF-661, confidential, dated 18 November 1942.

1. In compliance with Reference (a), the following is submitted for information.

2. Subject vessel was not fired on by any Coast Guard craft. On 17 October 1942, a coastal picket boat off Isles of Shoals challenged an unidentified vessel by blinker but received no reply. A report by radio was made which was picked up by the Harbor Entrance Control Post, Portland, and a Navy YMS patrol boat off Portland was alerted.

3. At 2100 Q, a vessel was observed by the YMS boat off Portland Sea Buoy and at 2123 Q the vessel was challenged by blinker. No reply to the challenge being received at 2128 Q, two star shells were fired by the Navy patrol boat. At 2131 Q, the SS BERKSHIRE acknowledged the challenge by giving her name.

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