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MEMORANDUM FOR Captain G. V. Stewart (Bureau of Personnel)
Room No. 2075
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Arlington, Virginia

SUBJECT: SS BERWINDVALE

Reference:

Enclosure: (A) Excerpt from LND Boarding Report, dated 8-22-42,
same subject.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for
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SS BERWINDVALE

8-22-42

The Master of the SS BERWINDVALE stated that the coxswain (Robert L. Ervin, 261 84 17 U.S.N.) in charge of the Armed Guard is a very capable and conscientious fellow. He has the complete respect of his gun crew, and he has also interested and trained the ship's crew so they will do anything for him in the handling of the guns and ammunition. They cooperate whole-heartedly when he rings the practice alarm, whether or not they are off duty.