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S.S. BIDWELL

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Honorable John F. Sonnett
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: S.S. BIDWELL, Oil Pollution violations
2 September, 1944, and 4 October, 1944
Admiralty 1928-Galveston Division
Your file JFS:ARK 62-74-41

Dear Sir:

The Coast Guard has received your letter of 8 February, 1946, attaching a copy of a communication from the United States Attorney at Houston, Texas, dated 26 December, 1945, in reference to subject matter, which involves two violations of the Oil Pollution Act occurring on 2 September, 1944, and 4 October, 1944, respectively. The United States Attorney advises that he has been offered in compromise \$500, the minimum penalty, for each of the offenses without proctor's docket fee, but with other court costs to be charged to the claimant. In view of the fact that the cases are over a year old and some of the witnesses have been transferred, the United States Attorney recommends the above-mentioned offer be accepted, and you request the Coast Guard's views and recommendations in the matter.

The Coast Guard has reviewed the file in these cases and is of the opinion that in view of the circumstances and the recommendation of the United States Attorney, the compromise offer of \$500 for each of the offenses, without proctor's docket fee, but with other court costs to be charged to the claimant, should be accepted.

Very truly yours,

L. T. CHALKER
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Deputy Commandant
By direction

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CC: Chief of Engineers
War Department
Washington, D.C. Attn: Mr. Kennedy

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CC: Lt. Comdr. Kieferle, Station 8-5

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Admiral Joseph Farley
The Commandant,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: SS BIDWELL
Oil Pollution Violation,
September 2, 1944 and
October 4, 1944
Admiralty 1828--Galveston Division

Sir:

Herewith, copy of communication from the
United States Attorney at Houston, Texas, recommending
acceptance of the compromise offers of \$500, the mini-
mum penalty, for each of the above-entitled violations.

Please let us have your views and recommenda-
tions as to the acceptance of the offers in compromise.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

John F. Sonnett
John F. Sonnett
Assistant Attorney General

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FROM

Galveston 2, Texas,
September 26, 1945

The Attorney General,
Department of Justice,
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

In re

UNITED STATES VS. S.S. "BIDWELL",
ADMIRALTY 1828, GALVESTON-
(Dept. of Justice No. 62-74-41)

Reference is made to the above-styled case, which involves two violations of the Oil Pollution Act, occurring on September 2, 1944 and October 4, 1944, respectively. We have been offered in compromise \$500.00, the minimum penalty, for each of the offenses without proctor's docket fee, but with other court costs to be charged to claimant.

In view of the fact that the case is over a year old, and some of the witnesses have been transferred, it is recommended that the above-mentioned offer be accepted.

Respectfully,

BRIAN S. ODEM,
United States Attorney,

By

Assistant.

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Admiral R. R. Waesche,
Commandant,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington 25, D. C.

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Re: SS BIDWELL - September 2, 1944
Oil Pollution - Admiralty 1828

United States of America vs.
Sun Oil Company

Libel filed: December 4, 1944
Judicial District: Southern District of Texas
Amount of damages claimed: \$2500.00 Penalty
Received: December 7, 1944, by regular mail

Sir:

We enclose for your information a copy of a libel said to have been filed as indicated in the caption above.

Please let us have any information in your possession with respect to this case, other than that already furnished to the United States Attorney handling this case.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

Francis M. Shea

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Assistant Attorney General.

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