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Date 4 Dec 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR Intelligence Officer - Coast Guard Headquarters

1300 "E" St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: M/S BLOEMFORTEIN

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Op-16-B-7-S card, same Subj., 4 Dec 1943.

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Wallace S. Wharton,
~~Commander, U.S.N.R.~~
Captain, USNR

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M/S BLOEMFORTEIN
(Navy Transport)

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Subject vessel is owned by a Netherlands Co. and is under bare boat charter to WSA. It has been assigned to the Navy as a transport. On 3 December 1943 an explosion of undetermined origin caused damage, amounting to \$75,000.00. It was thought that the explosion originated on or near an electrical hot water heater which has not been used since August. Workmen were engaged in repairing switch panel in room adjacent to the water heater. Investigation continues.

Telephone call from FBI Agent Robinson 4 Dec 1943.

cc: Coast Guard; Naval Transportation Services
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