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ADDRESS REPLY TO:

COMMANDER, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

AND REFER TO NO. 601 CONFIDENTIAL

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

2 May 1941.

U. S. COAST GUARD  
REC'D MAY - 5 1941OFFICE OF COMMANDER  
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

From: Commander, New Orleans District.  
To : Commandant.

Subject: National Maritime Union; activities of regarding personnel  
on American vessels.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 30 April 1941 (IOF-601, Confidential),  
with inclosure.  
(b) Headquarters' dispatch, 6004-1733, May 1939.

Inclosure: (A) Copy of reference (b).

1. Headquarters is advised that the statement made by K. L. Trederiksen, Corpus Christi Patrolman of the National Maritime Union of Corpus Christi, Texas, in the final sentence of inclosure (1) which was forwarded with reference (a), is in error. The Coast Guard is not forced or influenced in any manner by any demands or requests made upon Coast Guard personnel stationed at Corpus Christi. However, the Coast Guard, in cooperating with Department of Commerce officials is checking crew lists of tankers in compliance with instructions contained in reference (b).

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TEXT

6004 REFERENCE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE CIRCULAR NUMBER 1697 COMMA FEBRUARY 1, 1937 REQUESTING COOPERATION COASTGUARD IN CONNECTION WITH BOARDING TANK VESSELS PERIOD AT PORTS WHERE NO REPEAT NO DEPARTMENT COMMERCE OFFICIAL AVAILABLE TO ENFORCE DANGEROUS CARGO ACT ALL OUTGOING AND INCOMING TANK VESSELS SHALL BE BOARDED BY COAST GUARD FOR THIS PURPOSE PERIOD SUCH BOARDING SHOULD BE PERFORMED WHILE VESSEL UNDERWAY IF PRACTICABLE AND WITH MINIMUM INCONVENIENCE TO VESSEL PERIOD BOARDING OFFICERS SHALL BE SPECIALLY DIRECTED TO ASCERTAIN AMONG OTHER THINGS IF CREW REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIED BY 46 USC SECTION 672 ARE COMPLIED WITH PERIOD VIOLATIONS NOTED SHALL BE REPORTED BY DISPATCH TO HEADQUARTERS AND TO COLLECTOR OR DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS PORTS WHERE CUSTOM AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS AVAILABLE TO ENFORCE THIS ACT COAST GUARD SHALL OFFER AND RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE ENFORCEMENT BY SUCH OFFICIALS 1733

FROM HEADQUARTERS

TO ALL DIVISION COMMANDERS

L. G. COWELL  
Assistant Comdrant

*Mailed 4/30/41*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NORFOLK, VA 30 April, 1941.

April 23, 1941

OFFICE OF COMMANDER  
NORFOLK CONFIDENTIAL

From: Commander, Norfolk District.  
To: Commandant.

Subject: Activities National Maritime Union, regarding  
personnel on American vessels.

From: Commandant.  
To: reference: Commander, New Orleans District. Agent-National  
Maritime Union, 246 W. Tazewall Street, Norfolk,  
Subject: National Maritime Union; activities of regarding  
personnel on American vessels.

Inclosure: (A) Copy of reference  
Reference: (a) Letter to Mr. Robert Mills, Agent, National Mari-  
time Union, 246 W. Tazell Street, Norfolk, Va.,  
12 April, 1941, from K. L. Trederiksen, Corpus  
Christi Patrolman.

Inclosure: (1) Copy of reference (a).

1. Inclosure (1) is forwarded for your information.
2. The final sentence of inclosure (1) seems to imply that National Maritime Union representatives in Corpus Christi, Texas, feel that they are able to force the Coast Guard to take certain action with respect to the checking of personnel on American vessels arriving at that port. Your comments on this statement are desired by Headquarters.

By direction. He sole instigator of a strike among the employees of the West Towing Company March 3, 1941, and has a record on file at office Naval Intelligence, Fifth Naval District.

L. C. COVELL,  
Assistant Commandant.

*mailed 4/30/41*  
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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NORFOLK, VA.

April 23, 1941

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 Maritime Union, 246 W. Tazewell Street, Norfolk,  
 Virginia.  
 Inclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded Headquarters with the thought that it might prove of interest.
2. Mr. Robert Mills, the local agent of subject union, presented the original of inclosure (A) to this office, with the request that the Coast Guard stop and board the American vessel referred to under the inclosure for the purpose of determining if she were shorthanded, so that action could be taken by the National Maritime Union of America, which is affiliated with the C.I.O.
3. The C.A. Canfield arrived Norfolk on 19 April and sailed the next day, no difficulties were encountered and her complement was in accordance with the Law.
4. Mills was the sole instigator of a strike among the employees of the Wood Towing Company March 3, 1941, and has a record on file at office Naval Intelligence, Fifth Naval District.

*W. J. Keester*  
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
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126 Eleventh Ave.  
New York, New York.

Mr. Roberts Mills.  
Agent  
National Maritime Union  
246 W. Tazell St.  
Norfolk.  
Va.  
National Maritime Union  
246 W. Tazell St.  
Norfolk, Va.

New York, New York.

April 12th. 1941.  
National Maritime Union.  
Corpus Christi Branch.  
2010 Water St.  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
3010 Water St.  
Corpus Christi, Texas.

C.C: Ferdinand C. Smith  
Jack Lawrenson.  
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Jack Lawrenson.

Dear Brother.

This is to inform you that the C.A. Canfield, of the Esso Co was in this port and docked at the humble oil docks Ingleside Texas on April 11-12th. Two ABs paid off on arrival, two more paid off during the night, the name of the four is Kelly, Robinson, Mellech, and Larsen, Mellech, and The Standard Oil shipping master in this port tried to pick up ABs everywhere but coming directly to the NMU hall here giving us an order for the replacements. Mellech the last AB to quit informed me that no Abs, has been obtained when she left here, and that the ship was short four Abs. when leaving. The skipper whose name is Blumquist (and by the way, he is the same skipper that was on the Pratt when she was sunk off the coast of Africa with loss of lives) thus apparently sailed according to Mellech with 1 Bos'm, 2 ABs, and 3 ordinarys making up the deckdept. This should leave him short according to the inspection certificate 3 ABs short, assuming that he put the Bos'm on watch. The Bos'n and the Two Abs, Pierce and Bailey, also one OS, Ruggles is NMU men, so they should be able to sign any affidavits needed. If you will please get in touch with NMU HQ in New York upon receipt of this, we should be able to get action against this ship. Here in Corpus we have used the procedure of making the Coastguard check the ships before docking.

Fraternally yours

Fraternally yours  
/s/ K.L. Frederiksen  
Corpus Christi Patrolman