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MEMORANDUM FOR Intelligence Officer, Coast Guard Hdqts.
Subject: Departure from Tampico of the Crippled American Tanker Cacalilao for an American Port.

SUBJECT: SS CACACILLAO, American tanker, explosion on board about 1 a.m., May 31, 1942, visited by Naval Attache on night in question. Not believed sabotage.

The Honorable

(A) Intelligence Report, Serial 421-42-R, same subject, dated June 1, 1942.

The Secretary of State,

Enclosure: (B) American Consulate, Tampico, Mexico report, same subject, dated June 2, 1942.

Washington.

Sir: 1. Enclosures (A) & (B) are forwarded for information and such attention as may be deemed appropriate.

I have the honor to refer to my telegram No. 37 of

May 31, 1942, 9 a.m., and to subsequent correspondence, source, and names of any informants mentioned therein, relative to the explosions which took place here on May

31, last, in the tanks of the American tanker Cacalilao.

and to inform the Department that the Cacalilao left here at 9 a.m., June 26th for Galveston via Corpus Christi, in company with the American tug Miraflores.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

I am enclosing, as of possible interest, sixteen photographs, taken from various angles, showing the damage suffered by the tanker and the adjacent wharves as a result of the explosions and of the fire which followed them.

BY HAND

Respectfully yours,

CONFIDENTIAL

Thomas McEnelly
American Consul

Enclosures:

Sixteen photographs, in single copy only.

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In quintuplicate to the Department.
Copy to the Embassy, Mexico City.

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