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16 December, 1948

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From: Investigating Officer, N.Y.
To: Commandant (MVI)
Via: (1) OCMI, N.Y.
(2) CDR 3 CGD

Subj: USNT CANEY; reported contamination of cargo oil aboard

- Findings of Fact -

1. Pursuant to a request by the Commandant, U.S.N., Third Naval District, a joint U. S. Navy, U. S. Coast Guard investigation was conducted into the circumstances surrounding the reported commingling of MT72 fuel and Jet Fuel oil which was delivered by the USNT CANEY on 22-23 August, 1948 at Farge, Germany.

2. The vessel involved was the USNT CANEY, tonnage 10,711, owned by the United States of America, Navy Department, operated by the Marine Transport Lines, Inc., 11 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

3. The USNT CANEY arrived at Farge, Germany, at 0602, on 22 August, 1948 with a cargo consisting of approximately 88 M. barrels of MT72 fuel oil and 34M. barrels of jet fuel, discharged the cargo and departed at 1638, 23 August, 1948

4. The interrogation of witnesses revealed the following facts: that the receiver of the cargo took the ullages of all tanks and thief samples from all tanks and ordered the master to commence discharging the oil ashore; that at the request of the receiver, both grades of oil were discharged simultaneously from 0755, 22 August to 0715, 23 August, 1948; that two independent pumping systems were used in discharging the cargo; that the master of the ship caused the cross-over valves between the two pumping systems to be closed and locked in a secure manner; that the valves remained in this condition until after the cargo was discharged; that the master of the ship caused blank flanges, provided for this purpose to be inserted between the cargo pumps; that the master caused the tanks to be stripped in the proper manner; that after the discharge of cargo the vessel was issued a dry-ship certificate by the receiver; that no complaint was made by the receiver relative to the condition of the oil until the vessel was underway at sea.

5. Pursuant to the vessel's arrival in this port, the valves, pipe lines and tanks were tested to 150# hydrostatic pressure without any leaks

- 6. Arrived, Texas
- 7. Ullages and sounding report on 8/23/48
- 8. Tank Dry Certification on completion of discharge, 8/23/48
- 9. Port Log of USNT CANEY, 8/21/48

Inspected & Ready	8-2-48	16	40
Commenced	8-2-48	17	45

Ref. Port Arthur, Texas. See Tanker Loading Form

Incls: (con't.)

- 10. Certified true copy of Deck Log 0630, 22 Aug. to 1345, 23 Aug., 1948
- 11. Transcript of testimony of witnesses
- 12. Tank Clean Certification prior to Loading, 8/2/48, Norsworthy, Texas
- 13. Tank Clean Certification Prior to Loading, 8/3/48, Atreco, Texas

Cc: Commandant (INT) with incls.

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From: OCMI, N.Y.
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Forwarded, approved.

W. L. Maloney
 W. L. MALONEY
 CDR., USCG FOR OCMI

Finished ballast discharge	8-2-48	16	45
Inspected & Ready to load	8-3-48	17	45
Commenced			45

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