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PORT SECURITY SECTION

To: The Commandant (OPS) U.S. Coast Guard  
San Francisco, Calif.

Subj: Pollution of navigable waters of San Francisco Bay

Inclosure is forwarded for information of Headquarters.

P. B. CRONK  
By direction

Incl.

Report of 7/25/45 on SS CARLSBAD

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5. Loading mate informed us that there had been some gasoline left in the loading lines and when the ballast was pumped out the gasoline was pushed out ahead of the water.
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(b) Upon discovery of gasoline in discharge, loading mate stopped pumps and shifted to a starboard side discharge.  
(c) C. Kramer was very cooperative and showed willingness to aid us as much as possible.
7. No evidence was obtained because none was to be found anywhere in water.

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, Avon Dock, witness to  
violation; James Wood, Cox, witness to condition.  
Crockett, California  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
AND RETURN TO OPERATING BASE, CO BARRACKS written by C. KRAMER, Loading Mate.

25 July, 1945

David S. LeFever, Cox (R)  
Officer-in-charge

To: Captain of the Port, 12th Naval District, San Francisco, Calif.

Subj: Pollution of Navigable Waters of San Francisco Bay.

Vessel	SS CARLSBAD
Home port	San Francisco, California
Operated by	Pacific Tankers, Inc.
Local agent	Pacific Tankers, Inc.
Captain	E. E. Butler
Chief Engr.	P. Throckmorton
Violation	Oil Pollution Act of 7 June, 1924
Place	Avon Dock, Avon, California
Time	2355, 21 July, 1945
Weather	Clear
Tide	High

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Mr. Gable, Dock Superintendent, Avon Dock, witness to  
violation, James Wood, Cox, witness to condition.

SAN FRANCISCO, 26, CALIFORNIA

10. Attached statement written by C. KRAMER, Loading Mate.

MEMORANDUM TO:

David S. LeFever, Cox (R)  
Officer-in-charge  
CG-38758

STATEMENT

While on the dock waiting to board the  
the vessel, gas was detected flowing from  
port discharge when pumps were started.  
Pumps were immediately shut down and discharge  
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gas quickly disappearing from discharge. The  
gas was no doubt part of the cargo left in  
loading line which was pushed out by the  
water when ballast was discharged. In my  
opinion, not more than 150 or 200 gallons  
of gas were pumped overboard.

C. KRAMER  
Loading Mate

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SAN FRANCISCO, 26, CALIFORNIA

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MEMORANDUM TO:

STATEMENT:

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C. KRANER  
Loading Mate