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Evaluation

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN SHEPHEARD (1)

Admiral Park (2)

Admiral Chalker (3)

Subj: SS CERRO GORDO, grounding

The following, received from a confidential foreign source, is forwarded for your information:

"On Wednesday morning, May 19th, the SS CERRO GORDO, a 6000 ton U. S. tanker, ran aground at the entrance of Santa Anna Bay, Curacao, N.W.I. The explanation of the captain of the ship that the incident was due (1) to the failure of his U. S. Navy signalman to receive the correct signal which was 'Proceed to Bullen Bay', instead of 'Proceed in, pilot inside', and (2) to failure of the rudder to respond when given hard right at the harbor entrance, together with conversations with the Harbor Master and others who witnessed the incident lead to the conclusion that the master's action in attempting to enter this small, tricky harbor without a pilot and then trying to turn around in the narrow harbor mouth showed poor judgment and seamanship. Fortunately, damage to the CERRO GORDO was slight and she was able to proceed in her convoy as scheduled."

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