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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning the misconduct of various crew members of the SS CHARLES J. FOLGER. When this vessel was in Recife on July 16, 1943, it was reported that Paul C. Hart, Engine Cadet, was caught on July 11 carrying canned goods into the room of John Michaels, 2nd Ass't Engineer. He was followed and found whistling to someone in the storeroom who escaped. A check revealed about 25 cans of goods missing.

Present report also divulged the following information which may be of interest to your office although no specific offenders are named.

On July 12 a number of ship's dishes were thrown around the deck and broken. Coffee was poured over 2 tables in the Officers' Messroom ruining 2 tablecloths. Five men were in the mess previous to this vandalism but, which of them was there at the time it took place is not known. Only four of the five men present in the messroom previous to the vandalism were known and they are: John Michaels, 2nd Ass't Engineer, Arlie Bass, Radio Operator, Paul Hart, Engine Cadet, and Michael Caprio, Clerk. Report further states that on July 18, two unknown persons poured Catsup over 4 tables and seats in the same Officers' Messroom. John Flanagan, A.B., and Robert Chamberlain, O.S. are possible suspects in regard to this offense.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action proves warranted in these cases.

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