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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 Captain Betrand Scott, Master of the SS CHARLES SUMNER, during a voyage ending July 1 1943. It is reported that Captain Scott made it a practice to get drunk at all times in British ports, leaving the responsibility of his ship to others. He further neglected to secure secret and confidential documents in a port where workmen were aboard cleaning, leaving such matter in a strong box unlocked and in an accessible position.

In connection with Kent Haupt, radio operator aboard, it is reported that classified material was found exposed and in unlocked drawers in the radio room while workmen were cleaning the ship.

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

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