

(IOF-601

CONFIDENTIAL

May 25, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR LT. COMMANDER BALDWIN:

A. 390-736

1. The following is the substance of a report from a reliable source concerning a fire aboard the Honduran SS CHIRRIPO:

On May 10, 1942 while the vessel lay at Thalia Street Wharf, New Orleans, Louisiana, investigation revealed a fire occurred in a bucket located in the quarters of Antonio Borjas, a fireman aboard the CHIRRIPO. BORJAS was reported seen departing his room a few minutes before the fire by a longshoreman who was on duty at the time. The fire was extinguished by members of the crew after doing a considerable amount of damage. The report indicates a belief that the fire was started intentionally by BORJAS. BORJAS is being kept under surveillance by the officers aboard the vessel.

2. DIO, SMD and FBI, New Orleans are cognizant.

F. E. POLLIO,
Lieut. Comdr., U. S. C. G.

MAR;mjc
5/25/42

and
file X

my 2000-2-10