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To: The Commandant

Subj: Report of Oil Spill from SS COLINA in Los Angeles Harbor, 23 Feb., 1946

Subject report is forwarded in compliance with instructions set forth in Headquarters letter of 26 October, 1945. Original copy of same was forwarded to the U.S. Army District Engineer, Los Angeles, this date.

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Oil Spill report on  
SS COLINA on 23 Feb., 1946  
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3. Witnesses were J. D. Hays, RM 5700, San Diego, California, and A. F. Gilbert, relief officer in charge of landing, RM 5700, Long Beach, California. Investigation for COLINA was made by J. F. Brown, RM 5700, who arrived at the scene of the spill at approximately 0900, a large section of spill having been reported at about 0700 from several witnesses. There was a very heavy fog and it was difficult to observe the oil on the water. However, it is estimated as area approximately 20 ft. by 20 ft. was covered. On account of the heavy fog and strong tide, sample could not be obtained from the water.

4. Commercial clean-up crew was called and made satisfactory clean up of the spill.

S. L. SMITH

Encl.  
Report of Investigation

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LAW OFFICE  
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To: DCGO, 11ND

Subj: Oil Spill from SS COLINA in Los Angeles Harbor, 23 February, 1946

1. In compliance with HQ letter of 26 October, 1945, subject, "Oil Pollution; peacetime law enforcement by U. S. Coast Guard," the following is reported to you as a violation of the Federal Oil Pollution Act of June 7, 1924 (33 U.S. Code, Section 431-437).

2. At approximately 0610, 23 February, 1946, oil (apparently diesel fuel oil) was permitted to be discharged into the navigable waters of Los Angeles Harbor from the tanker SS COLINA, while this vessel was moored at Berth 239, Los Angeles Harbor, and loading diesel fuel oil. This vessel is of United States Registry, is owned by the Socony Vacuum Co., New York City, is of approximately 10,200 gross tons, 6,100 net tons, is approximately 504 feet in length, uses oil for fuel, and her local agent is the General Petroleum Corp., Terminal Island, California. At the time of the spill her master was K. F. Thomas, Chief Engineer was E. B. Ward, Chief Mate was C. H. Kinney, and relief operator who was in charge of loading operations at the time of the spill was A. P. Gilbert. The spill occurred while switching tanks from forward to aft of house, and #9 starboard wing tank overflowed. Following entry was made in deck log, "No. 9 overflowed at 0610, approximately 6 bbls."

3. Witnesses were A. O. Hope, 356 O'Farrel, San Pedro, California, and A. P. Gilbert, relief officer in charge of loading, 520 Havana Avenue, Long Beach, California. Investigation for COPLA was made by J. F. Hammond, Cox., USCGR, who arrived at the scene of the spill at approximately 0800, notification of spill having been received at about 0710 from General Petroleum. There was a very heavy fog and it was difficult to observe the oil on the water. However, it is estimated an area approximately 10 ft. by 25 ft. was covered. On account of the heavy fog and ebbing tide, sample could not be obtained from the water.

4. Commercial clean-up crew was called and made satisfactory clean up of the spill.

E. B. GILLY

Incl.  
Report of Violation