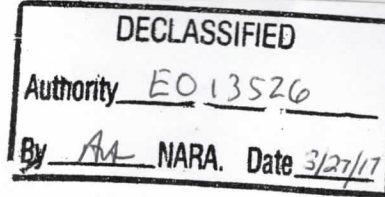


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From: Commandant  
 To: Commander, 5th CG District  
 Subj: SS COLONEL FREDERICK C. JOHNSON, O.N.211734, (Ex DEWITT CLINTON);  
 departure from port preventive measures.

Ref: (a) Comdr. 5th CG Dist. letter, 3 Nov. 1947 CG-601 to Comdt.

1. Receipt of ref. (a) is acknowledged. It was not the intention of HQ that the vessel necessarily be restricted to her present berth but rather to the Chesapeake Bay area, as it may be necessary for her owners to move her to another yard for repairs, alterations or drydocking.
2. Representatives of the State Department have stated informally that it is their desire that the vessel be prevented from leaving the United States but the State Department is not yet ready to make such request officially or to disclose the plans of the Department to the owners and operators of the vessel.
3. In view of the foregoing it is desired that you maintain close touch with the Collector of Customs in this matter and keep the subject vessel under close but not open surveillance in order that any attempt to leave the Chesapeake may be anticipated and forestalled. If this vessel attempts to leave port you will bring her to and detain her until such time as you are assured that she may properly be permitted to proceed, keeping HQ fully advised of developments.

MERLIN O'NEILL  
 Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard  
 Assistant Commandant

Prepared 5 Nov. 1947

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