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Chief, Office of Operations

Substance of telephone conversation with Commodore Whitbeck at 10:40 a.m.

1. SS FREDERICK C. JOHNSON commenced fueling at 10:15 p.m. yesterday and completed fueling at 2:05 a.m. today. Received 1303 bbls. Draft about 13½' for'w, 16' aft. Liaison with Customs is good. Customs will report all pertinent information received. Ship has considerable list after fueling and must get rid of excess water in tanks before taking on more fuel. Owner "coming down" tomorrow. Crew cannot ~~not~~ or will not speak English. Chief Engineer appears to be Italian. Speed of vessel reported to be 12 knots. Dock trial to be held Tuesday or Wednesday. Ship rushing to get out. Machinery ready except evaporators and refrigerators. Main bearings reported as not lined up. Living quarters "messy" and not fixed up for passengers.
2. The above information was telephoned to Mr. Timmons who did not require a copy, apparently being satisfied with his notes. Mr. Timmons stated that the State Department people now believe that the owners know that the vessel is being watched and with the purpose of detaining her.

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CC: Rear Admiral O'Neill

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