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Date July 28, 1943MEMORANDUM -- Intelligence Officer, Coast Guard Hdqtrs., Room 7212.

SUBJECT: SS CONRAD KOHRS (U.S.)

Enclosure: (A) Excerpt from 11NDBoard. Rpt., same subj., dated 7/14/43.

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4. This matter is referred in accordance with the request of Comdr. R. A. Smith, Merchant Marine Counsil.

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Inspected San Francisco
EXCERPT FROM LIND BOARDING REPORT, SS CONRAD KOHRS (US), dated 7/14/43,
WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO COAST GUARD:
22 June 1943.
and nothing therein that

"Navigational Equipment: It was overcast during the voyage making celestial navigation impossible, and the Master "sweat blood" because of the inadequacy of navigational aid and the treacherous sets along this coast, plus heavy traffic.

"It was impossible to navigate by Direction Finder, as the fixes secured were as much as 25 miles off, and of 20 fixes taken one was accurate. The Direction Finder was calibrated before departure, but is to be re-calibrated here. When originally calibrated the ship's mean draft was eighteen feet, whereas draft in ballast will be 14 feet and when fully loaded 27 feet.

"The Fathometer does not operate inasmuch as the oscillator was not installed and the Master stated that it might not be done until the ship is unloaded. The Master contended that it would be extremely dangerous to attempt to navigate in the South Pacific Area without this instrument.

"The vessel was not furnished with an RPM table, further complicating navigational computation.

"The Master was quite concerned regarding the above and indicated that several other vessels were being delivered in the same condition."

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NOTE: Subject vessel boarded at Los Angeles Harbor on July 14, 1943.

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