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MID 600.96 S.S. CONTE BIANCAMANO
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(Date)

Subject: S.S. CONTE BIANCAMANO
Possibility of sabotage

Summary of Information:

A report has been received concerning the possibility of sabotage to the S.S. CONTE BIANCAMANO, an Italian steamship which was taken over by the United States in March 1941, and which is now tied up at Pier 18, Balboa, Canal Zone.

An individual has reported that the vessel can be easily boarded, and that the guard detail of the ship consists of only six enlisted men and one non-commissioned officer. It has been stated that whenever the ship is boarded, the guard at the gangway displays but little attention to any passes which are shown, or in subsequent actions of any visitor.

Furthermore, it has been noted that many inflammable mattresses are piled in the staterooms, and that portions of the ship's superstructure are not fireproof.

A guard stationed on Pier 18 has been described as being unable to speak or read English and is therefore unable to determine the validity of any passes presented for his inspection.

*Vessel in C.Z. under
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