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April 8, 1941.

Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: **Intelligence Officer  
Coast Guard Headquarters**

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

*Sherman Miles*

SHERMAN MILES,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

Enclosures: 1

G2/10602-209 - Copy paraphrase of radiogram fr. General Van Voorhis to Chief of Staff re sabotage of Italian S.S. CONTE BIANCAMANO; dtd 4/3/41; Receipt in dup. attached and dtd 4/7/41.

*Orig sent to  
Ship Control  
4/9/41  
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Apr. 3, 1941

Paraphrase of radiogram from General Van Voorhis to Chief of Staff dated April 3, 1941:

From reliable information it has been learned that the Italian S.S. CONTE BIANCAMANO was sabotaged in a well concealed manner before it was seized. Inspection is under way and has already revealed the ruin of port high-pressure turbine bearings and blading. The Commanding General, Panama Canal Department will make a full report when inspection is completed. The crew of the S.S. CONTE BIANCAMANO is now under arrest, but the Commanding General strongly urges that it be sent to the United States on the U.S.A.T. LEONARD WOOD which sails from Cristobal at noon on April 4.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

File No. G2/10602-209

Date April 7, 1941

SUBJECT:

**Sabotage of Italian Ship**

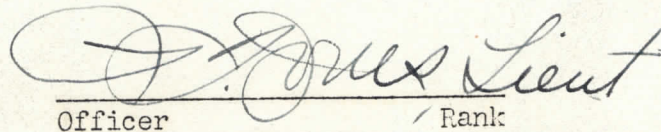
Received of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 the following described communication(s):

**Paraphrase of radiogram**

Letter dated April 3, 1941

Indorsement(s) dated \_\_\_\_\_

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