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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Edward T. Gibbons, Chief Engineer on the SS CORNELL. On 11 September, 1943, considerable damage was caused to the gears of the CORNELL due to the presence of a foreign matter, which, report alleges, was a lock for the securing of plates on the housing of the gears. The lock was found missing the previous day by the Chief Engineer, but, after a brief search, further effort to locate it was abandoned. The Chief Engineer admits negligence existed on his part in not locating the missing lock before the engines were started.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

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