

COAST GUARD INTELLIGENCE,

SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT,

ROOMS 422-424

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From: District Coast Guard Intelligence Officer,
Sixth Naval District.

To: District Intelligence Officer, Sixth Naval District.

Subject: U. S. Army Transport CUBA: lack of security on board.

- Enclosures:
- (A) Confidential Instructions for using Strip Cipher Devices, Registered #140, issued by the War Department, Washington, D. C., April, 1942.
 - (B) Two (2) Reports of Receipt of Cryptographic Material from Commanding Officer of Troops, USAT CUBA, New Orleans.
 - (C) One (1) address label to Commanding Officer of Troops, USAT CUBA, New Orleans, from War Department, Washington, D. C.
 - (D) One (1) confidential wrapper, Short title SIGKUB, Registered #136.
 - (E) One (1) Secret Wrapper, Short title SIGWAM.

1. Enclosures (A) (B) (C) (D) and (E) are forwarded herewith for your information and any action you deem necessary.

2. On 7 December, 1942, C. D. Toler, C.B.M., USCG, Commanding Officer, Sullivan's Island Station, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, notified this office that a packet of confidential papers had been found on the beach and turned in to him by L. H. WISE, Station #20, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. The papers were received at this office on 9 December, 1942.

3. Upon examination by this officer it was revealed that the papers contained confidential instructions for using Strip Cipher Devices issued by the War Department, Washington, D. C. (Enclosure (A)).

4. The lack of security by officers on board SUBJECT vessel is a serious mistake and one that should not be overlooked. This matter should be brought to the attention of the War Department and SUBJECT ship should be boarded at the next port of call.

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