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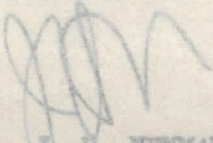
MEMORANDUM FOR ENSIGN HARVEY F. JOHNSON, JR.: 398-889

1. You will have to pardon my delay in answering your letter of 28 October, 1942 regarding the investigation of the tug CUMCO by the Captain of the Port, Charleston, South Carolina. The pressure of work here has been quite heavy.

2. The apparent division of Intelligence authority within the Coast Guard in the 6th Naval District, to which you refer, is regrettable. It should be overcome, of course, and I suggest, as an effective remedy, a program of selling intelligence to the responsible Coast Guard Officers in 6th Naval District, including the District Coast Guard Officer.

3. One important factor to bear in mind is that the District Coast Guard Officer is the responsible authority for all Coast Guard activities in his district, including intelligence activities. If he sees fit to have lay officers conduct certain investigations which should perhaps be made by intelligence officers, that is his prerogative.

4. I expect, however, that the situation on Coast Guard intelligence activities will be greatly clarified by a Commandant directive on the subject in the near future.


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