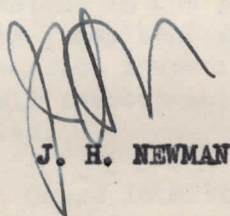


16 November, 1942

**CONFIDENTIAL**MEMORANDUM TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER POLLIC:

1. The tug CUMCO was ordered by Commandant, 5th Naval District, to proceed to Southport, North Carolina to tow the USS RUBY to Charleston, South Carolina. At Southport, North Carolina three of the tug's crew members quit, leaving the tug undermanned. The Navy offered to replace the three men with regular enlisted personnel from the RUBY. The master of the CUMCO agreed. But certain key personnel of the CUMCO crew objected, insisting that they wouldn't sail with non-union (Navy) men. Nevertheless the Navy placed its enlisted personnel on the CUMCO, along with an armed guard. The dissenting crew members finally gave in, and the CUMCO towed the RUBY into Charleston. Naval Intelligence investigated the incident; so did two Coast Guard men - one ensign and one yeoman - assigned to the office of the Captain of the Port, Charleston, South Carolina. The Coast Guard men made their investigation at the direction of the Captain of the Port, Charleston, South Carolina. This is what Harvey Johnson objects to. He feels Coast Guard Intelligence should have investigated. So do I. This is another instance of officers other than intelligence officers doing intelligence work in the 6th Naval District. Like the Lieutenant Perry case. A letter from Admiral Waesche to the District Coast Guard Officer, 6th Naval District calling attention, among other things, to the VCNO letter of 3 November, 1942 seems advisable. I think the point should be made that now that the Navy has allocated to the Coast Guard certain definite intelligence duties and responsibilities, ~~and~~ the Coast Guard cannot now afford to jeopardize its position in this field by the haphazard assignment of lay officers to intelligence duty.



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