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FROM RECENT REPORTS, THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES OF CREWS OF MERCHANT VESSELS AT ADVANCE BASES AND ELSEWHERE IN VARIOUS THEATERS OF THE WAR REFUSING TO OBEY ORDERS OF THE MASTER TO WORK AT CERTAIN HOURS OF THE DAY OR

UNDER OTHER CONDITIONS NOT AGREEABLE TO THEM. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER INSTANCES OF LACK OF DISCIPLINE, SOME OF THEM FLAGRANT, AND ALL OF THEM DETRIMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR OPERATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO SECTION THREE THREE THREE (333) OF NAVAL COURTS AND

BOARDS, PARTICULARLY THE NEXT TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH. IT IS THE DUTY OF TASK FORCE AND TASK GROUP COMMANDERS TO EXERCISE THIS AUTHORITY DIRECTLY OR BY DELEGATION IN SPECIFIC CASES WHENEVER THE EXIGENCIES OF MILITARY

OPERATIONS SO DEMAND. REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS GIVEN BY SUCH OFFICERS IN THOSE SITUATIONS IS PUNISHABLE BY EXCEPTIONAL MILITARY COURT OR BY FEDERAL CIVIL AUTHORITY. OFFENDERS MAY BE ARRESTED AS NECESSARY AND

TURNED OVER TO WHICHEVER TRIAL BODY IS SELECTED BUT PREFERABLE THE LATTER. ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE BY THE COAST GUARD WHERE FEASIBLE. ALL WATERS OUTSIDE NEUTRAL AND UNOCCUPIED COUNTRIES ARE TO PRESENT A ZONE OF MILITARY OPERATION.

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(1) Second Mate, George G. G. MIDWINTER, is the instigator of trouble among crew members of TUG CHASCO; his past conduct includes insubordination, agitation of crew and attempt to undermine confidence in Master of Tug; is undesirable member of crew and desirability for sea duty any ship is questionable.

(2) Chief Engineer, Aranson B. HALL, is jointly responsible for agitating members of crew, particularly those in engine room department; was instrumental in delaying departure of TUG CHASCO from Southport, N.C. October 16, 1942; has failed to cooperate with Master of Tug, thereby impeding operations of the Tug; is undesirable member of this crew.

ENCLOSURE "A"

ENCLOSURE "B"