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5 December, 1940.

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
 To: Commander, Norfolk District.
 Subject: Panamanian auxiliary schooner DANIEL GETSON.
 Reference: (a) Commander, Norfolk District letter, 18 November,
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 (b) Commander, Norfolk District letter, 23 November,
 1940 (601-CONFIDENTIAL).

1. The Panamanian auxiliary schooner DANIEL GETSON arrived at the dock of the American Creosote Works, Inc., Southport, Louisiana, from Norfolk, Virginia, without cargo, at 1900, 30 November, 1940, and was immediately boarded by representatives of the New Orleans District Intelligence Office. The crew on board at time of arrival checked with the crew list as submitted by the Commander, Norfolk District. The following additional facts were ascertained on boarding this vessel upon arrival:

(a) That this vessel is equipped with a radio telephone and a receiver. Radio receiver manufactured by Hallicrafts, Chicago, Illinois. Radio transmitter model H T-8 (Marine Radio-telephone). The radio call letters of this vessel according to a card found on board are HPNZ.

(b) That the radio transmitter was not in operating condition due to the vibrator in the power pack being burned out. The antenna lead-in was also disconnected.

The following frequencies were posted on the plate on the front of the radio cabinet.

| <u>SEND</u> | <u>RECEIVE</u> |
|-------------|----------------|
| 2198 | 2590 |
| 2142 | 2538 |
| 2118 | 2514 |
| 2738 | 2738 |
| 2670 | 2670 |
| 2166 | 2558 |

The vessel is fitted with a vertical type antenna.

There was one small Firestone broadcast radio receiver in the crew's quarters.

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(c) Perusal of the ship's navigational log disclosed the following entries written in Spanish since departing Norfolk, Virginia:

NOVEMBER 17, 1940:

7:00 a.m., departed Norfolk.
1:32 p.m., off Virginia Beach.
4:18 p.m., off False Cape buoy.
7:55 p.m., off Cument buoy?
11:40 p.m., off Bodie Island light.

NOVEMBER 18, 1940:

3:16 a.m., Wimble Shoal buoy.
9:15 a.m., Diamond Shoal lightship.
11:20 p.m., Fountant buoy?
137 miles cruised.

NOVEMBER 19, 1940:

11:30 a.m., Frying Pan.
137 miles.

NOVEMBER 20, 1940:

123 miles.

NOVEMBER 21, 1940:

124 miles.

NOVEMBER 22, 1940:

Nothing sighted.
85 miles.

NOVEMBER 23, 1940:

90 miles cruised.

NOVEMBER 24, 1940:

1:50 p.m., Miami buoy.
5:15 p.m., Fowey Rocks
8:25 p.m., Pacific Reef.
10:15 p.m., Carysport Reef.

NOVEMBER 25, 1940:

9:10 a.m., Sombrero Key
12:25 p.m., American Shoal
6:30 p.m., Shoal Key.

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NOVEMBER 26, 1940:

1:35 a.m., Rebecca Shoal.
3:10 a.m., Tortugas.
110 miles.

NOVEMBER 27, 1940:

Noon position 26 - 05 N, 85 - 01 W.
109 miles.

NOVEMBER 28, 1940:

Noon position 26 - 37 N, 88 - 12 W.
129 miles.

NOVEMBER 29, 1940:

Noon position 28 - 24 N, 88 - 39 W.
116 miles.
1:00 p.m., passed Pilottown, La.

2. A search of this vessel failed to disclose any violations.
3. The firm of Hansen and Tidemann, 812 Carondelet Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, is the local agents for the DANIEL GETSON. This vessel is at present loading creosote lumber and pilings at the plant of the American Creosote Works, Inc., Lockport, Louisiana, upon the completion of which it is understood she will depart for Tampico, Mexico.

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