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From: U. S. Naval Attaché, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 To: The Director of Naval Intelligence
 Subject: L. W. PARKER, Master SS DAVID WILMOT - Report
 of misconduct of.

1. The SS DAVID WILMOT arrived in Buenos Aires on 28 May 1944. The Master, Captain L. W. PARKER, remained in his bunk from that day until he was taken to a hospital on 5 June. He was taken back to the ship on 7 June when the vessel was ready to sail. The cause of his incapacitation was drunkenness.

2. A local doctor was sent on board by the agents on 3 June to see the captain. He diagnosed the condition as acute alcoholism. Mr. Charles F. Merkel, War Shipping Administration representative in Buenos Aires, was notified about the captain's condition.

3. In talking with other officers of the ship, it was found that Captain PARKER had been intoxicated most of the time during the voyage to this port.

4. Routing instructions from Buenos Aires were given to the Chief Officer and Armed Guard Officer on account of the Master's condition.

5. The Commandant, U. S. Naval Operating Base, Rio de Janeiro (next port of call) was notified.

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