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To: DCGO, 3rd Naval District

Subj: Board of Investigation convened on 26 April, 1943, to inquire into  
the fire on SS EL ESTERO

1. Reference is made to Paragraph 5 of the recommendation of the subject Board which states that this case should be referred to the Department of Justice for appropriate investigation into the possibility of sabotage and to ascertain whatever facts may be apparent which would further explain the cause of the fire.

2. Headquarters has been advised by the Office of Naval Intelligence to whom the record was referred for transmittal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the case was discussed with a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who stated that inasmuch as that Bureau conducted an investigation in which no indication of sabotage was detected, no further evidence appears in the Board of Investigation record to warrant reopening the case at this time. The Bureau has requested, however, that when the vessel is salvaged sufficiently to permit inspection that it be so advised. At such time as the EL ESTERO may be salvaged, it is requested that Headquarters be advised promptly in order that the Federal Bureau of Investigation may be informed.

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