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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Charles Willer, Chief Officer on the ESSO PHILADELPHIA. It is reported that Miller, on July 3, 1943, returned to his ship under the influence of liquor and created a general disturbance. He threatened to beat up the Second Officer, and cursed and shoved the Third Officer, threatening to hit him. When ordered to his room by the Captain, he refused to obey and thereupon cursed and threatened to attack the Captain. His actions made it necessary for the Captain to take precautions to defend himself.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in in this case.

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