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Subject: Panamanian MS F. H. BEDFORD, JR.; sighting of submarine
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Summary of Information:

J. M. Stewart, master of the Panamanian MS F. H. BEDFORD, JR., which arrived at New York from Aruba, N. W. I., on 1 January, 1942, reported sighting a United States submarine on 19 November, 1941, headed south. The submarine (300 miles north of San Salvadore) discharged such a distinct odor of exhaust, noticeable for at least two miles, that she could be easily traced by the odor.

The British Consul in Aruba told the captain of the F. H. BEDFORD, JR. that if his ship had been British instead of Panamanian, she would have fired upon the United States submarine, for British captains have strict orders to fire upon every submarine found in ship lanes, because Allied submarines have orders to stay clear of such lanes.

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