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CONFIDENTIAL

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

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning James R. Downie, Boatswain on the SS FIRMORE. It is alleged that Downie went ashore in New Orleans on 15 October, 1943, became intoxicated and remained off duty when he should have been aboard preparing to sail. It is further alleged that Downie, on 28 October, in Guantanamo, Cuba, obtained possession of 2 quarts of rum, became drunk again and abused the Captain orally in the presence of other crew members. In both instances of misconduct report alleges Downie influenced 2 other younger crew members to take part in this misconduct.

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

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