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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, MERCHANT MARINE INSPECTION DIVISION

Subj: Summary of information received in the Intelligence Division

The following from Curacao, N.W.I., dated 6 May, 1944, is forwarded for your information:

"On 6 May while the U.S. tanker FORT CORNWALLIS was entering Santa Anna Harbor, Willemstad, the vessel collided with the Curacao Harbor Corp. wharf. The collision tore away the ship's forward projecting stem plate from the 14' draft mark to the fore foot, and slightly indented the port bow shell plating. The pier sustained considerable damage. E. I. RUTLAND, Chief Engineer, stated that the accident was due to the by-pass valve on the telemotor in the steering engine jarring. Vibration may have opened this valve. The Chief Engineer further stated that while sabotage was possible, it was highly improbable."

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