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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 Arthur Burke, Chief Engineer, on the SS GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN. Report states that Burke created a disturbance aboard his ship when it was lying at anchor on August 6, 1943, in Basra. While under the influence of liquor, he interfered with the discharging of cargo; was abusive and threatening to the Chief Officer; chopped at the slop chest and Captain's Cabin with a fire ax, and attempted to strike various members of the crew and the Chief Officer. It was necessary to put Burke in irons in order to restrain him on this occasion.

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

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