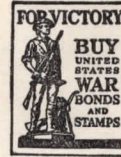


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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER  
TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT  
REFER TO FILE: CG-661

18 November, 1947

From: Commander, Twelfth Coast Guard District  
To: The Commandant  
Subj: Violation of Oil Pollution Act by SS H. D. COLLIER, 8 October, 1947; final action taken by District Engineer.

In accordance with Intelligence and Law Enforcement Memorandum No. 19-47, a copy of the report of final action taken by the District Engineer, San Francisco District, on subject case is inclosed herewith.

Reference is made to letter from your office dated 13 October 1947, file CG-661, subject: Discharge of oil into Coastal Navigation Waters by Standard Oil Company of California, which was inclosed a report covering an oil spill at the Standard Oil Company's ... occurred on 8 October, 1947.

*W. K. Scammell*

W. K. SCAMMELL  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Twelfth Coast Guard District

In addition to information contained in the above mentioned report, this office has received from the Standard Oil Company of California a letter report giving ... of the incident, this letter being dated 6 November 1947, copy is inclosed for your files. While the facts as disclosed by your report and as further developed in letter of Standard Oil Company of California might seem to indicate some lack of attention on the part of personnel of the oil company, it is the opinion of this office and that these facts do not disclose any such negligence as to warrant prosecution of the company under the Oil Pollution Act. Representative of the company personally delivered the letter to this office and gave repeated assurance that the company is and will continue to do every thing possible to prevent oil pollution of the waterways. Under the circumstances, it is the recommendation of this office that the case be closed without further action.

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER  
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT  
74 NEW MONTGOMERY  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

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14 November 1947

SUBJECT: Violation of Oil Pollution Act  
(Standard Oil Company of California)  
Tanker "H. D. Collier"

TO: Commander, Twelfth Coast Guard District, 630 Sansome Street,  
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to letter from your office dated 10 October 1947, file CG-661, subject: Discharge of Oil into Coastal Navigable Waters by Standard Oil Company of California, 8 October 1947, with which was inclosed a report covering investigation of an oil spill at the Standard Oil Company's dock, Richmond, California, which occurred on 8 October, 1947.

2. In addition to information contained in the above mentioned report, this office has received from the Standard Oil Company of California a letter report giving full details of the incident, this letter being dated 6 November 1947; copy is inclosed for your files. While the facts as disclosed by your report and as further developed in letter of Standard Oil Company of California might seem to indicate some lack of attention on the part of personnel of the oil company, it is the opinion of this office that these facts do not disclose any such negligence as would warrant prosecution of the company under the Oil Pollution Act. A representative of the company personally delivered the letter to this office and gave repeated assurance that the company is endeavoring in every way possible to prevent oil pollution of the waters of the bay. Under the circumstances, it is the recommendation of this office that the file on the case be closed without further action.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

/s/ Rondo W. Anderson  
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Chief, Legal Branch

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Fort Point LB Station  
Box 2, Presidio of San  
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8 October, 1947

From: Officer in Charge, Fort Point LB Station  
To: Commander, 12th CGD (int)  
Subj: Oil Pollution Act; violation of; report on; in case of H.D. Collier  
Inclosure: (1) Intell. & Law Enf. Form 12 CGD/5 - 12/10/46, submitted by  
Standard Oil Company (Copy of).

1. At approximately 1040 this date received instructions to investigate oil spill at berth 2, Standard Oil Dock, Richmond, California. CG38383 underway immediately for scene. 1110 arrived alongside Standard Oil Long Dock. Went ashore and contacted Capt. M.B. Maganussen, in charge of all loading operations. He informed me that the spill had occurred at 0950 this date, that about 2 barrels went over the side when number 3 tank overflowed while topping off. That the man directly responsible for this act was a Mr Hendrix, who had just came on the ship and was in the act of being instructed when the accident occurred. Two barrels of furnace oil that went over the side quickly spread over an area of 100' x 400' - 40,000 square feet. No action was taken by those involved due to strong ebb tide and rough surface. The furnace oil began breaking into small patches almost immediately and moved on out with the tide. As we approached the dock from the south, no trace of any oil was observed, therefore no samples were obtained.

2. Interviewed Mr Hendrix and he gave me the same statements as Capt. Maganussen. Informed Capt. Maganussen that I would wait for his report. In due time this report (inclosure (1)) was completed, a copy of same is submitted herewith.

Cecil M. Thomas, CBM(L)

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