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CONFIDENTIAL

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

The Coast Guard has received from a reliable source the following information concerning officers and members of the crew of the SS HOBART BAKER.

Report alleges that Niels C. Ronberg, Master, is a dipsomaniac who, during the current voyage of this vessel, was drunk for periods of two to ten days after leaving each port. Because of his addiction to liquor, report states he refused to log any of his men for disciplinary action resulting, consequently, in a complete lack of discipline among the entire crew.

Report also alleges that Willard J. Jones, 3rd Assistant Engineer, is a constant source of trouble to ship's officers, having engaged, on one occasion, in a fistfight aboard with the ship's radio operator.

Robert J. Jileck, Messman, is reported to be a malingerer, inattentive to his duties and entirely useless aboard.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in these cases.

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