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16 September 1946

Captain of the Port
401 U.S. Custom House
CO-6615

Subject: Violation of the Oil Pollution Act.

4 September, 1946

To: The Commanding General, Army Transport Service,
San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Building 201,
Fort Mason, California.

Subj: USAHS HOPE; discharge of oil into coastal navigable
waters of the United States.

1. Reference is made to letter from this office dated 8
April 1946 on the above subject.

2. There is inclosed herewith for appropriate action by
your office, reports on the USAHS HOPE and the SS SEA DEVIL.

For the District Engineer:

/s/ J. H. Veal,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Executive Officer

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Certified to be a true copy of

the original /s/ R. E. MORRELL, Comdr. USCG

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MERCHANT MARINE
INSPECTION DIVISION

4 September, 1946

To: Commander Twelfth Coast Guard District

Subj: USAHS HOPE; discharge of oil into coastal navigable waters of the United States.

1. At 1045, 28 August, 1946, while making a tour of the docks, William F. Combs, BM.lc., USCG noticed considerable oil on the water at Fort Mason.

2. He boarded subject vessel, a hospital ship, as the vessel suspected to have caused the spill, and interviewed Mr. S. A. Beyer First Assist. Engineer. He stated that on his watch the previous night at about 2000 on 27 August, 1946 while fueling ship from Navy Barge YO-167, they had a spill. Subject vessel had a 2^o starboard list and caution was being taken while topping off the tanks. However, a manifold leaked from a high to a cower tank causing #500 starboard tank to overflow through the vent. He estimated that about 2 barrels overflowed. Combs believes considerably more than 2 barrels was on the water.

3. A witness to the spill was J. E. Brooks, CY, USCG.

R. E. MORELL