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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 Theodore G. Jacobsen, Master of the SS JAMES RUMSEY. It is alleged that Captain Jacobsen was intoxicated at fire and boat drill on 22 November 1943. It is also alleged that on 20 November 1943, at Port of Spain, Trinidad, he went to the Port Director's office for his instructions after considerable heavy drinking and subsequently, having obtained his confidential papers, visited a bar, leaving his papers in the custody of the taxicab driver he had hired.

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

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