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EXCERPT FROM LND BOARDING REPORT, MV JAMESTOWN (U.S.), 29 FEBRUARY 1944.

The Subject Vessel was constructed at Baltimore in 1920 and was remodelled in 1923. The Master stated that she was one of the earliest motor vessels built, her engines bearing the number 1. According to the Master the vessel is extremely unreliable and several previous Masters have refused to continue to operate the vessel. This Master stated that while entering the harbor at Galveston the vessel failed to respond to steering and the pilot had to exercise great skill to avoid going aground. The Master further stated that when a hard left is given the vessel veers right before going left, and when a hard right is given she veers left before going right. In addition to this the Master stated that when full astern is given it is sometimes as much as five minutes before the engines respond. For these reasons the Master feels that he must use great caution in maneuvering his ship.

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