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

A recent report, received by the Coast Guard from a reliable source, divulges further information on conditions aboard the SS JANED INGERSOLL previous to the removal of the Master, Willis S. Kerr; Jeremiah Leahy, Chief Engineer; Emmit P. Hand, 1st Ass't. Engineer and J. R. Springs, Chief Cook, on various charges. This present report states generally that commercial radio operator wartime instructions were not fully carried out in that there was a refusal to answer the Armed Guard officer on information received. Report further states that the Master did not carry out instructions for Naval transportation and U. S. Merchant Ships in time of war.

Disciplinary action, instigated by the Coast Guard in this matter, is pending in New York.

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