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CONFIDENTIAL

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

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Oliver J. Horton, Master of the S.S. JOHN B. GORDON. Report alleges that Captain Horton was arrested by city police on 30 November 1943 in Savannah for drunkenness, after being found in the lobby of a hotel there, passed out, and having in his possession an unlocked brief case containing confidential information regarding the ship's cargo. Captain Horton was subsequently removed by the operating agents of this vessel.

Report also alleges that Carl C. Durham, messman, on this vessel was apprehended on 30 November 1943 by city police in Savannah after having disclosed, while in an intoxicated condition, information concerning his ship and the nature of its cargo.

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

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