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

The following reliable information has been received by the Coast Guard.

1. In May 1943, on the SS JOHN CABOT, William Patrick LaRue, Utility Messman, stabbed Roy Earnest Berchill, Chief Cook. The facts presented leading up to the casualty report that Berchill attempted to physically force LaRue to clean himself up as ordered. A fight ensued during which LaRue stabbed Berchill with his knife.

The Coast Guard will instigate the necessary disciplinary action in this case.

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