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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 Spencer A. Wingate, master, and Eugene L. Wilkins, chief mate on the SS JOHN E. SCHWEITZER.

Report alleges that both officers have been under the influence of liquor while underway on several occasions during the present voyage of this vessel. It is also reported that Captain Wingate took this vessel out of Salerno Basin against the orders of shore authorities and a pilot.

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

K. K. COWART
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By JA NARA. Date 5/23/17