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4 September, 1945

Mr. V. J. Malone
Secretary, Pacific Coast Marine Firemen,
Oilers, Water Tenders and Wipers Assn.
58 Commercial Street
San Francisco, California

TEXT

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your recent telephone call, during which you advised me that the sailing of the SS JOHN LIND had been delayed on account of the screening of members of her crew by the Coast Guard at Portland, Oregon.

You are advised that I have checked this matter with the District Coast Guard Officer, 13th Naval District, Seattle, Washington, who has informed me that the sailing of the SS JOHN LIND was not delayed as a result of any action of the Coast Guard in connection with the screening of members of her crew, or as a result of any other action of the Coast Guard. The above-mentioned District Coast Guard Officer has further informed me that the SS JOHN LIND has been in and out of the ports within the 13th Naval District several times during the war and that her sailing has never been delayed as the result of the screening activity of the Coast Guard during the entire time that responsibility has been vested in the Coast Guard.

It has been the policy of the Coast Guard that its administration of the screening program should not operate to delay the sailing of vessels. That policy was emphasized when the original instructions relative to the administration of the screening program were issued by a letter dated 28 June, 1944, addressed by the Commandant of the Coast Guard to all District Coast Guard Officers, a copy of which letter I am inclosing for your convenience, particular attention being invited to paragraph 12 thereof. All District Coast Guard Officers understand that policy and have carefully followed it throughout the administration of the screening program.

Very truly yours,

L. T. CHAIKER
Rear Admiral, USCG
Acting Commandant

Incl
Copy ltr, 28 June, 1944

CC: Pacific Coast Coordinator
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13ND OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE X RELATIONS WITH ALL MARITIME UNIONS THIS DISTRICT FRIENDLY AND NO COMPLAINTS FROM THAT SOURCE RECEIVED CONCERNING MERCHANT SEAMEN SCREENING PROGRAM X SHIPPING COMMISSIONER PORTLAND ADVISED DCGO TODAY BY PHONE HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SCREENING PROGRAM IN RELATION TO ALL MERCHANT SEAMEN HAD BEEN DISCONTINUED X SHIPPING COMMISSIONER ADVISED BY THIS OFFICE NO CHANGE IN POLICY OF PROCEDURE RECEIVED FROM HQS X X SCREENING OF MERCHANT SEAMEN NORMALLY THIS DISTRICT REQUIRES FROM TWO TO SIX DAYS X NO SAILING OF MERCHANT SHIPS EVER DELAYED THIS DISTRICT DUE TO INTELLIGENCE CLEARANCE X RESULTS OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE REPORTED BY LETTER

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