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AIR MAIL:

AMERICAN CONSULATE

Durban, Union of South Africa, September 4, 1943.

SUBJECT: Sentence of Fred W. Setzer, Fireman on the S.S. JOHN SEDGWICK, for Housebreaking, Theft and Assault.

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that on July 7, 1943 Fred W. SETZER, Fireman from the American S.S. JOHN SEDGWICK, was sentenced by the Magistrate at Durban to six months' hard labor for house-breaking, theft and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The incident occurred in the Hotel Louis, Durban, where Setzer, discovered in the act of robbing one of the occupied hotel rooms, attacked with a knife and injured the son of the proprietor.

Setzer commenced serving his sentence at once and was discharged from his vessel.

In view of Setzer's behavior at Durban and the complaints received from the Master and several members of the crew concerning his conduct on board, it is recommended that the question of permitting him to continue to serve in the United States Merchant Marine be thoroughly investigated upon his return to the United States.

Respectfully yours,

E. Talbot Smith
American Consul

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