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CONFIDENTIAL

Memorandum for Commander F. E. Pollio.

Subject: Placing of life rafts aboard ships.

1. Replying to your confidential memorandum of 17 March, 1943, file CG-10F-601, on the above subject, you are advised we have been in communication with the Navy Department, Bureau of Ships, also the Maritime Commission, and corrective measures are being taken in regard to the whole question of boats and rafts, which will include the elimination of the lifeboats, port and starboard, between #2 and #3 hatches and the installation of larger lifeboats on the boat deck, together with the installation of an improved life raft as soon as the larger boats and the improved rafts can be obtained from the manufacturers.

2. The arrangements as outlined above pertain to the Maritime Commission EC2-S-C1 type vessels to which class the JOHN W. WEEKS belongs.

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