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WASHINGTON

Date 17 July, 1943

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Memorandum for Chief Intelligence Officer

Subj: SS JONATHAN TRUMBULL

- 1. Inclosure 1 is returned in compliance with your request.
- 2. Inclosure 2 is forwarded for your information and file.

H.T. JEWELL

- Incl 1. Copy of U.S. Consul's letter to Secretary of State, No. 85, Port Said, Egypt, 21 March, 1943 with attachments.
- 2. Copy of MMHU N. Y. letter 5 July, 1943 File 628-605

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MERCHANT MARINE HEARING UNIT
New York, New York

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5 July 1943

To: The Commandant (PMP)
Subject: SS JONATHAN TRUMBULL; assault by crew member.
Subj: SS JONATHAN TRUMBULL; assault by crew member.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 14 May 1943 (CG-JONATHAN TRUMBULL Comp. 3) pertaining to an assault and attack on the First Assistant Engineer of the SS JONATHAN TRUMBULL by Henry Sherack.
2. Henry Sherack was charged under date of 1 July 1943 with unlawfully assaulting the First Assistant Engineer of said vessel.
3. A hearing on said charge was afforded subject on 3 July 1943, at which time after the conclusion of all the proof, the Hearing Officer found subject guilty as charged and entered an order suspending subject's Certificate of Service for a period of one month.
4. Enclosed herewith please find your file as requested in your letter of 14 May 1943.

JOHN I. DUGAN
By direction

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Port Said, Egypt (Suez Branch),

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March 21, 1943.

Subject: Dispute at Suez on March 10, 1943 on Board American
s.s. Jonathan Trumbull between First Assistant Engineer
Laurent Pineault and Utility Man Henry Sherack.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

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I have the honor to enclose a copy of this office's communication to the local Headquarters of the United States Army concerning a dispute which took place at Suez on March 10, 1943 on board the American s.s. Jonathan Trumbull between First Assistant Engineer Laurent PINEAULT and Utility Man Henry SHERACK.

It is respectfully requested that this matter be brought to the attention of interested authorities.

Respectfully yours,

Oscar C. Holder
American Vice Consul

Enclosure:

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Enclosure Report no. 05 dated March 21, 1943 from the
American Consulate, Port Said, Egypt (Suez Branch), entitled
"Dispute at Suez on March 10, 1943 on Board American s.s. Jonathan
Trumbull between First Assistant Engineer Laureat Pineault and
Utility Man Henry Sherack).

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In reply refer to
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AMERICAN CONSULATE
Port Said, Egypt (Suez Branch),
March 21, 1943.

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The Commanding Officer,
U. S. Army Headquarters,
Suez Canal Ports,
Port Tewfik.

Sir:

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I enclose for your information copies of two entries in the
official logbook of the American s.s. Jonathan Trumbull concerning
a dispute between Mr. Laureat PINEAULT, First Assistant Engineer,
and Henry SHERACK, Utility Man.

This office has disposed of the question by conducting an
informal investigation into the matter, by warning both parties
concerned that the incident, as recorded in the ship's logbook, is
being made a matter of official record and that action taken by home
authority upon the vessel's return to the United States will not
doubt be greatly influenced by the conduct of the man in question
during the balance of the voyage.

As is usual in such cases, there is some past history of
misconduct on the part of at least one of the persons concerned. In
this case Mr. Pineault seems to have had a rather spotty record in
various ports where the vessel has called. Apparently, when in port
he drinks to excess and causes trouble. However, also as is usual,
it turns out that he has been torpedoed three times and subjected to
machine gunning and bombing.

This office requested the Master of the vessel to treat with the
utmost severity any future infractions of the ship's regulations
concerning the possession or use of liquor.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Oscar C. Holder

Oscar C. Holder
American Vice Consul

Enclosure:
As stated.

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To safeguard the security of the in-
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Enclosure no. 2 to despatch no. 85 dated March 21, 1943 from the American Consulate, Port Said, Egypt (Suez Branch), entitled "Dispute at Suez on March 10, 1943 on Board American s.s. Jonathan Trumbull between First Assistant Engineer Laurent Pineault and Utility Man Henry Sherack).

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UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
Steamship Service
Deck Department

Steamship S.S. Jonathan Trumbull

Port of Suez, Egypt.

March 11, 1943.

Copy of entry in thip's log.

(sgl) J. Kerr,
Master.

At Suez, Egypt; Ship at anchor in Roads; 9:30 P.M., March 10, 1943.

Henry Sherack, Utility Man, attacked Laurent Pineault, 1st Assistant Engineer with his fists in the dining saloon. This assault record is left open for the consideration of the proper authorities. Sherack was under the influence of liquor.

(sgl) J. Kerr - Master
(sgl) T. G. Bjerke - 1st Mate

Sherack's reply, at about 9:15 P.M., March 10, 1943.

The 1st Assistant Engineer entered my room without knocking and immediately walked over to my locker and began a search, when I informed him he had no business there, he made a reply that I was out of order in very abusive language, and insisted that I was in the wrong whereupon I struck the 1st Assistant Engineer two or three times with my fists. About five minutes later when I tried to explain my actions that had taken place in my room, the 1st Assistant Engineer resented this explanation and passed a sarcastic remark, whereupon I struck him again two or three times, and before we were parted he had returned the blows with his fists.

(sgl) H. Sherack, Utility Man.
(sgl) J. Kerr - Master
(sgl) T.G. Bjerke - 1st Mate

This has been read over to interested parties.

Enclosure no. 3 to despatch no. 85 dated March 21, 1943 from the American Consulate, Port Said, Egypt (Suez Branch), entitled "Dispute at Suez on March 10, 1943 on Board American s.s. Jonathan Trumbull between First Assistant Engineer Laureat Pineault and Utility Man Henry Sherack).

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UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
Steamship Service
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Steamship S.S. Jonathan Trumbull

Port of Suez, Egypt

March 11, 1943.

Copy of entry in ship's log.

(sgd) J. Kerr,
Master.

at Suez, Egypt; ship at anchor in Roads: 9:30 P.M., March 10, 1943.

Laureat Pineault, 1st Assistant Engineer, was sitting in Saloon when Henry Sherack attacked Pineault with his fists. Pineault was under the influence of liquor. This assault record is left open for the consideration of the proper authorities.

(sgd) J. Kerr - Master
(sgd) T.G. Bjerke - 1st Mate.

Pineault's reply:-

I went into the Saloon, and Chief Cook told me to go to his (Chief Cook's) room and meet his friends, and when I went into the room the messboy (Sherack) was sittin on his bed. A conversation occurred about empty bottles in an open locker. Sherack resented this conversation and chased and attempted to hit me as I ran out. I went back into Saloon and sat down with Chief Cook. Shortly afterwards (about half a minute) Sherack came into Saloon and attacked me with his fists. I did not strike back.

(sgd) Laureat Pineault, 1st Asst Engineer

(sgd) J. Kerr - Master
(sgd) T.G. Bjerke - 1st Mate

This record has been read to interested parties.