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MEMORANDUM FOR 1. Comdr. Pollio, U.S. Coast Guard, Room 7212.  
2. Comdr. M.H. Avery, J.A.G, Room 2327.

Date: 10 Feb. 44. L

SUBJECT: SS JOSEPH M. MEDAM (U.S.)  
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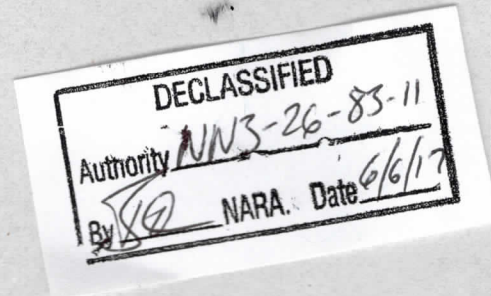
EXCERPT FROM 5ND BOARDING REPORT, SS JOSEPH M. MEDILL (U.S.), 18, 20 JAN. 44.

COLLISION:

Upon arriving at Naples on 11/7/43, subject vessel anchored outside the breakwater but as the master was not satisfied with the MEDILL's position, he decided to shift and on 11/8/43, at approximately 0630, after cruising around the bay, her anchor was again dropped. Shortly afterward, a collision occurred as the stern of the MEDILL swung around and struck the bow of the SS PIERRE S. DUPONT. It was observed the DUPONT made an effort to avert the collision by slacking her anchor chains. The after gun deck and rail of subject vessel was damaged.

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