

31 August, 1942

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Sir:

With further reference to your letter of July 22, 1942, and Rear Admiral Chalker's reply of July 28, 1942, the District Coast Guard Officer, Fifth Naval District has forwarded a report of Mr. J. G. Gleason's case to me.

The report, based on information furnished the Captain of the Port of Baltimore, indicates that Mr. Gleason's past record of misconduct on board the SS KANSAN makes his presence on board any vessel undesirable.

However, the Commandant of the Coast Guard is most desirous that any individual who is removed from a vessel or barred from a waterfront facility, shall be given full opportunity to submit a statement or evidence in his behalf in connection with any action taken against him by the Coast Guard. To this end, the procedure outlined in paragraph 5 of the Commandant's letter of July 20, 1942, a copy of which is enclosed, was prescribed. It is, therefore, suggested that if Mr. Gleason wishes to submit a statement or evidence in his own behalf he should do so, forwarding it to the District Coast Guard Officer, Fifth Naval District, Norfolk, Virginia.

Very truly yours,

G. H. JONES,  
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,  
Acting Assistant Commandant

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