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ORIGINATOR
Crew members SS KEGUMS

September 4, 1942

SUBJECT
1. Discriminating Practices & out spoken anti Amer. & Brit. expressed by officer of
a. SS KEGUMS.

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Tamm.

SUBJECT: SS KEGUMS, Latvian Freighter--Suspicious actions of officers

The Office of Naval Intelligence has received information from a source of unknown reliability to the effect that the Chief Engineer and the Second Engineer aboard the Latvian freighter, SS KEGUMS, have openly expressed anti-American and anti-British sentiments and have struck matches to light cigarettes at night on open deck while the ship was passing through dangerous sub-infested waters.

The files of the United States Coast Guard reveal that the SS KEGUMS departed from Norfolk, Virginia, for Rio de Janeiro on June 13, 1942. The crew list of the SS KEGUMS, for its present voyage, on file with the United States Coast Guard, reveals the following:

Chief Engineer--LUKOVICS, Karlis, citizen of Latvia, 66 years of age, 5'7", next of kin--Mrs. A. Dick, Route 3, Box 204A, Oregon City, Oregon

Second Engineer--NORITIS, Janis or Ianis, citizen of Latvia, 32 years of age, 5'8", next of kin--Mrs. E. Noritis, Latvia

The above is forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

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Commander, U.S.N.R.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

cc: United States Coast Guard
War Shipping Administration

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