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EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT
MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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VESSEL: SS "KINGMAN" MASTER: C. F. WARMING
 FLAG: U. S. (HPBC) OWNER: W.S.A.
 GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE: 1,513 OPERATOR: Danish Ship Operating Corp.
 CARGO: General - 2100 tons AGENT: T. Smith & Son
 BOARDED AT: New Orleans, La. NO. IN CREW: 28
 DATE AND TIME BOARDED: 11 Nov 44, 0850 R NO. OF PASSENGERS: None
 ITINERARY: Sailed Havana, Cuba, 7 Nov 44; arrived New Orleans, La., 10 Nov 44.
 CRUISING SPEED: 10 knots MAXIMUM SPEED: 11 knots DEGAUSSED: M-Coil
 ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS: U.S. WHERE OBTAINED: Havana, Cuba

ENCLOSURES: 1. HW Diagram of object sighted by subject vessel.

REMARKS:

CONTACTS:

C. F. WARMING, Master, rated "B",

INCIDENTS AT SEA:

The master reported that the voyage was completely uneventful except for the following:

- a. At 1425R, 9 Nov 44, at position 28 43 N, 88 33 W, an object was sighted in the water which the master could not identify.
- b. The master drew a picture of the object which is reproduced in Encl. 1, showing it to be shaped like the nose of a shell or torpedo, although it definitely was neither of these things, according to the master. The master said he was sure of this because, although it appeared to be made of iron, it had a hook or eye toward the upper end of it which measured 3 to 6 inches in length. He added that the height of the object above the water was from 2 1/2 to 3 feet and that its diameter was about 2 feet. The master also said he was sure that the sides of the object were not straight but had an ogival curvature.
- c. One more feature in the construction of the object was that it had a vertical line down the side of it which he said appeared to be a welded seam.

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DISSEMINATION: (2); ND7; SC&RO,GSF-ND7; BOARDING OFFICER: H. C. PRYOR,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

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APPROVED:

J. M. Burt
 J. M. BURT,
 Lt. Cdr., USNR,
 By direction.

Time consumed interviewing master and other personnel: 35 min.

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Addendum Sheet #1

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INCIDENTS AT SEA: (Cont'd.)

- d. In answer to further questions the master said that the part of the object above the water was rusty and that no paint was visible on it. He added, however, that barnacles could be seen on the submerged part of the object as it bobbed up and down. In this connection the master remembered that the object seemed to roll very easily from side to side indicating that the submerged section was either not very long or not very heavy.
- e. The master said the weather at the time was squally, with a moderate to rough sea, although he described visibility as good. In addition he said he viewed the object not more than one ship's length away.

EVALUATION: Not a mine.

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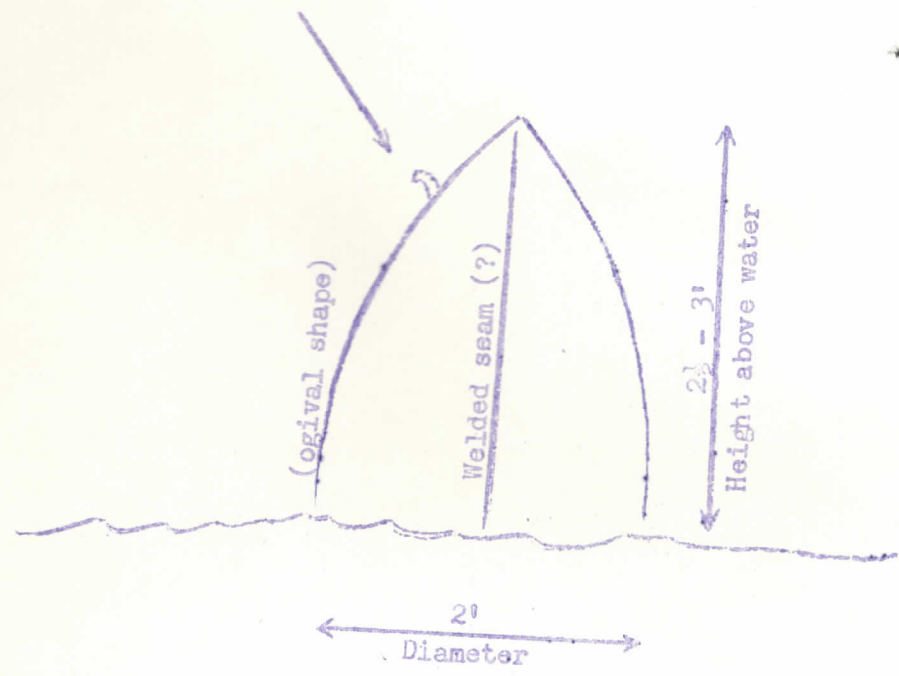
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Hook or eye 3 - 6" in length



ENCLOSURE 1