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MEMORANDUM FOR Op-38, Naval Vessels and Aircraft Division
VIA: Intelligence Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters
Room 515, Liberty Loan Bldg., Washington, D. C.SUBJECT: (S) L. V. STANFORD.

Reference: (a) Routing Slip No. C47717

Enclosure: (A) 8ND Boarding Report, same subject, 4/16/42.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information and such attention as may be deemed appropriate.
2. It is requested that the security - etc. etc.
- 3/ Ultimate return of this correspondence to ONI is requested.

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Of interest: 3rd Mate, G.P. Herson stated "that on April 10th, at 1530, position 34°-34'30" 76°-12'-00", N.E. of Cape Lookout, an explosion was heard and the tanker ATLAS was observed to break out on fire. A. U. S. Patrol Plane was observed to make contact with this ship and in a short time the Coast Guard were observed effecting a rescue of survivors, which, as near as could be determined, numbered 30." The informant further informed the Board Officer that at various times U. S. Patrol Boats come up and throw a spotlight on their vessel and that said Patrol Boats often neglect to answer. Informant states he believes that Patrol Boats should answer to avoid being fired at by vessels who might mistake them for enemy ships. Informant stated that a searchlight beam off Key West is still flashing on ships passing this vicinity and is a hazardous practice due to the possible position of the ship being ascertained by any enemy submarine in that vicinity.

Coast Guard Headquarters 1st Indorsement IOF-601
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