

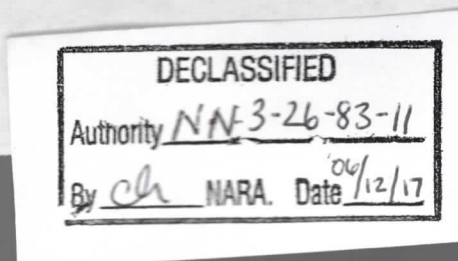
EXCERPT FROM 8ND BOARDING REPORT, MS "LA PLAYA", (PAN.), 8 Sept 1943.

"Navigational Aids: Capt. KOCH reported that the light at Cape Gracias a Dios, Nicaragua, 15° N, 83°09' W, was out on the evening of 2 Sept 1943, Mr. RENNIE, the 3rd Mate, estimated that the ship passed about 7 miles to the east of the light at about 2115R on that date. The Capt. said that the visibility was very good at the time.

"Capt. KOCH also reported that the characteristics of the light at False Cape, Honduras, 15°13' N, 83°21' W, differed from those given in the Lists of Lights and Fog Signals issued by the Hydrographic Office 1 Jan 1943. According to this publication the light has a period of 30 seconds, with a flash of 10 seconds and an eclipse of 20 seconds. As observed by Capt. KOCH at 2245R, 2 Sep. 43, the light had a period of 14 seconds, with a flash of 2 seconds and an eclipse of 12 seconds. The Capt. reported that the ship passed by the light 12½ miles to the east and that visibility on this occasion also was very good."

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