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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Subject: Motor vessel LAKE ORMOC, official number 216 716

Reference: (a) Telephone conversation Supervising Merchant Marine Inspector Miami, Florida, 16 October 1942.

1. Telephone information received from Supervising Merchant Marine Inspector concerning this vessel refers to Navy Report that vessel operating in convoy is subject to continuous stack fires due possibly to improper combustion.
2. Vessel now loading for voyage foreign ports apparently in convoy. It is reported that condition described in paragraph 1 permits easy detection. In view of the added hazard to the convoy it was the opinion of the Supervising Inspector that this vessel should not be permitted to proceed until remedial action had been instituted by operators.
3. Information from Maritime Commission sources show vessel to be operating under time charter. The Commission in this instance is not responsible for maintenance of vessel. In view of the above the Supervising Merchant Marine Inspector at Miami was instructed by telephone to inspect vessel, notify master to contact the operating company with a view to correcting the condition reported. The Supervising Inspector at Miami was also instructed that in the absence of appropriate action by the operator to withhold or revoke certificate of inspection.

  
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