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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Intelligence Officer, Coast Guard Hdqtrs., Rm. 7212.
Judge Advocate General, Comdr. Avery, Rm. 2327.

Date: 11 Oct 1943

SUBJECT:

SS "LUCRETIA MOTT", (US)

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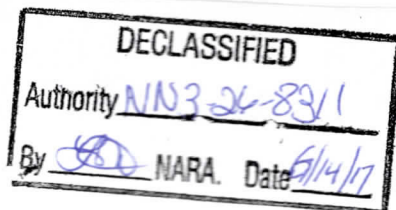
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EXCERPT FROM 5ND BOARDING REPORT, "SS LUCRETIA MOTT", (US), 26 SEPT 1943.

"August 9, 1943, approximately 0031, while SUBJECT vessel was bound from Bizerte to South Sicily, contact states they were awakened by a hard sound on the starboard quarter and found they were hit by the British vessel "CITY OF DURBAN". The damage consisted of a hole on the steel deck starboard side abreast of, and after the mooring windlass, approximately 30 ft. of steel bulwark stoved in or ripped by the "CITY OF DURBAN'S" bow. All supports for starboard's 20 mm guns were knocked off or bent, and the railing on Poop Deck starboard side crushed in, a life float was also crushed."

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