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THE COMMANDANT (PMP)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Captain M. Leknes and George H. Stackus, Radio Operator on the SS LUIS ARGUELLO during a recent voyage. Report states that Captain Leknes was frequently under the influence of liquor while at sea during this voyage. Further, report states he is nervous and excited while at sea, resulting, during one specific occasion of emergency, in his neglecting to order a general alarm. Report also states that he refused to supply the Armed Guard Officer with information required by him for his reports.

It is alleged in the report at hand that George Stackus is not competent to perform the duties of his position. Report states that, while on the SS LUIS ARGUELLO, he did not receive messages properly and was unable to transmit messages without considerable difficulty. Also, he frequently failed to make required entries in the log book and was found sleeping on watch on three occasions.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in these cases.

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