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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 James I. Hopson, Chief Steward on the LYMAN BEECHER.

It is reported that Hopson was negligent in the performance of his duties during a recent voyage of the BEECHER. Report alleges he was inexperienced and incapable, causing a waste of food because of improper purchasing and care. It is also alleged he maintained a belligerent attitude, refused to obey orders, sold food over the ship's side to local stevedores and either was careless and allowed ship's linen to be stolen, or stole it himself.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

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