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MEMORANDUM Intelligence Officer, Coast Guard Hdqtrs., Room 7212.

SUBJECT: SS MAYA (Hond.), Behavior of in Convoy HX-242.

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T.S. TYNDAREUS

Liverpool

15th June 1943

To N. C. S. O.
Liverpool

Dear Sir,

I wish to report the gross disobedience of the S.S. "MAYA" while I was Commodore of the fast portion of Convoy "HX 242". My instructions were that the four ships for Mersey had to arrive at the Bar Light Vessel at 0730 on the 15th June. As soon as the escort vessels left us off Londonderry the "MAYA" started to forge ahead at full speed. I sent him the following signals all of which he acknowledged, but did not carry out, eventually he disappeared ahead of me.

Commodore by lamp	-	Get into your correct station and remain there. We shall form single column soon and remain in that order until we reach the Pilot Vessel. 1540.
Maya's answer by lamp	-	Thank you.
Commodore by lamp	-	Get back into correct station or you will get into serious trouble. 1555.
Maya by lamp	-	Thank you. I say old boy is this England.
Commodore (Hoist)	-	"UI" Take up your correct station in your proper column. 1605.
Maya	-	Repeated hoist.
Commodore (Hoist)	-	"IEI" Starboard wing column to form astern of next inner column. 1610.
Maya	-	Repeated hoist.

I would suggest that this matter be taken up with the Master of the "MAYA" very strongly, so that this sort of thing can be stopped.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
(signed) W. E. Coates

MASTER.

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FROM:- Naval Control Service Officer, Mersey.
TO:- Director of Trade Division, Admiralty.
DATE:- 15th June, 1943. REF: - S.189/6823

H.X.242 - Behaviour of S/S "MAYA" (Honduran)

The attached report by the Master of the S/S/ "TYNDAREUS" is forwarded for such action as may be thought necessary.

The Master of the "MAYA" will be asked for his reasons for proceeding ahead of the Convoy when he reports in to Naval Control Service, Liverpool. No reference however will be made to the report from "TYNDAREUS".

(Signed) R. Goff

CAPTAIN, R.N.

N.C.S.O.

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FROM: Naval Control Service Officer, Mersey
TO: Director of Trade Division, Admiralty.
Date: 16th June, 1943. REF:- S.189/6823

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In continuation of my S.189/6823 of 15th June, 1943, the Master of the "MAYA" has been interviewed and stated that he had proceeded independently after Convoy had split.

When asked whether he had received any instructions to do so, he evaded the question and when it was again put to him definitely, he would not give any answer. The Master is C. Christiansen of U. S. nationality (Danish by birth).

(Signed) R. Goff

CAPTAIN, R.N.

N.C.S.O.

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