

San Francisco, California

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT  
624 Appraisers Bldg.

File: 6615

26 February, 1946

To: DCGO, 12ND

Subj: SS MICHAEL CASEY: Pollution of the navigable waters of  
San Francisco Bay.

1. At approximately 1330, 19 February, 1946, while making a routine check of docks at Encinal Terminal, Alameda, the COTP oil pollution inspector noted a considerable amount of oil in the water in the vicinity of berth 3.

2. On investigation it would found that the SS MICHAEL CASEY had an oil streak down her starboard side midships. The vessel was boarded and the first assistant engineer was interviewed. He stated that the spill had occurred while Robert Bornes, night engineer, had the watch. He stated that settling tanks overflowed while topping off from Union Oil Barge No. 7 and that approximately two barrels of oil went into the water.

3. Photographs of the starboard side of the vessel, showing the oil streak, were taken and are attached hereto for your inspection. A sample of said oil was also taken from the water and is on file in this office for evidence. Witnesses to the incident are M. H. Wilson, EM1/c, USCG, officer in charge CGE-60016-F, and J. E. Brooks, Oil Pollution Inspector, COTP.

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