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MICHIGAN

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LEITE D/EQUIPAGE AU 7

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

New Orleans, La.

Office of Commander
New Orleans District

1 September, 1941.

3 mate From: 1. MM. ROCHET Jean Capitaine
2) eng To: 2. KERVELLA Jean Lt ff 2d Cap
3) 3. SCHEER Jean Commandant
4. GUYON Louis TSP
5. BUCHARD Raile Chef Mecanicien
Subject: 6. S. S. MICHIGAN, French - immobilized in Port of New Orleans.

Reference: 7. LE FRANC Leon Maitre Equipage
8. (a) Headquarters' dispatch 301842, August.
9. BULOT Bonat Matelot

Inclosure: 10. (A) Copy of S. S. MICHIGAN's complement, including names.
11. BELLEWAIRE Leon

1 short 1. The officers and crew of the subject vessel will not express their feelings of loyalty to either the Axis or Allied cause. They are contented to remain in an immobilized status. However, are concerned over their welfare and that of their families, at present located in occupied France, should the present status of the vessel be changed by requisition or purchase by the U. S. Government. They state that at present they are well fed and their families cared for by their pay which is forwarded to them in occupied France, where it is not tampered with, at present, by German or French authorities. However, they all feel that any action by the United States Government will immediately become the knowledge of the Axis powers and that reprisals might be taken on their families.

2 oiler first 2 fireman short 2. Inclosure (a) is the complement of the vessel as secured from Mr. Jean Kervella, 1st mate. The list indicates the names and ratings of men now on board and also that the crew is short a 3rd mate, 2nd and 3rd engineer, 1 seaman, 2 oilers, 2 - 1st firemen, 7 ordinary firemen, 5 coal heavers and 2 mess boys. It also indicates one of the firemen and one aide to the cook have quit the ship and joined an American vessel.

3. There is no evidence aboard the vessel of any attempted sabotage but rather indications of extensive repairs including the retubing of the two after boilers, overhaul of auxiliary pumps, etc. mess boys short

4. It is noted that the consensus of feeling aboard the ANGOULEME and the MICHIGAN are similar and that these vessels are tied up together, while the TOURAINE is anchored about nine miles distant.

5. The repatriation of the entire crew of this vessel and replacement with other selected French personnel is recommended.

/s/ J. L. Ahern
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MICHIGAN LISTE D/EQUIPAGE AU 7 JUILLET 1941

	MM. ROCHET Jean	Capitaine	
	2. KERVELLA Jean	Lt ff 2d Cap	
3 mate	3. SORLIN Jacques	Lieutenant	
2) eng	4. GELARD Francois	TSP	
3) eng	5. BUCHARD Emile	Chef Mecanicien	
	6. PILLET Paul	4 me "	
	7. LE FRANC Leon	Maitre Equipage	
	8. MINCK Frederic	Charpentier	
	9. BULOT Donat	Matelot	
	10. ACHY David	" (Seamen)	
	11. BELLEMARE Leon	"	
1 short	12. CAIUS Barthelemy	"	
	13. DERIS Barthelemy	"	
	14. HUYGHES BEAUFOND Maglorie	"	
	15. LARMAILLARD Maurice	"	
	16. AVANET Alexandre	Graisieur	
	17. CATHERINE Victor	"	
2 oilers short	18. LE BRUN Maurice	1er Chauffeur	
first	19. CABRE Fernand	Chauffeur	
2 firemen	20. REBECHAUD Jean	"	
short	21. ABDOUL Wali	"	
	22. LECOINTRE Charles	"	New on American ships
	23. GENIN Ernest	"	
	24. LE COZ Jean	"	
fireman	25. RIBAL Denis	Soutier	5 short
short	26. FOURNIER Marcel	C/Vivres	
	27. LEONARDI Elie	Cuisinier	
	28. GODARD Daniel	Garcon	
	29. TRESSOL Leon	AIDE DE CUISINE	Now on American ship

2 mess boys short

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