



HEADQUARTERS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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From: Permanent Board.
 To : Commandant.

Subject: Board of Investigation on MOJAVE; recommendation for.

Reference: (a) Unsatisfactory fitness report Lieutenant Commander R. H. Furey.
 (b) Unsatisfactory fitness report Lieutenant P. E. Shore.
 (c) Unsatisfactory fitness report Boatswain Wallace MacDonald.

1. It is considered that the attached fitness reports with their supporting papers reflect the presence of a deplorable situation on the MOJAVE, and it is recommended that a board of investigation, preferably headed by an officer from the Chief Inspector's Office, should be convened on board that vessel, to examine into the situation as represented.

2. It is incredible that there should be no adequate explanation of the statement made by Lieutenant Commander Furey that his commanding officer went on leave during the progress of a salvage operation, and by so doing left the completion of the operation to the executive officer. It is considered important, however, that Headquarters have this explanation.

3. The accompanying papers show the commanding officer of the MOJAVE reporting lack of loyalty and cooperation on the part of three officers during the same period. The Permanent Board feels that some action should be taken if three officers on the same ship are concurrently disloyal to the commanding officer and to the Coast Guard. Some action should also be taken if these three officers are not disloyal, but are so reported. In any event, the situation should be investigated.

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 W. H. MUMTER,
 Chairman.

*Preliminary investigation held
 no further action
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