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From OP-37

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

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This Division would be interested in receiving any further information which may be obtained in this connection.

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April 28, 1942

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Division of Naval Intelligence  
Domestic Intelligence Branch

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DATE April 28, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR OP-37, CONVOY AND ROUTING DIVISION.

SUBJECT: Texaco Co. -- Re tankers operating 100 miles off Atlantic shore.

Reference:

Enclosure: (A) FBI conf. ltr. to DIO of 4/20/42, same subject.  
(B) Form N NI-139, 048318.

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Date: APR 20 1942  
To: Director  
Office of Naval Intelligence  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: TEXACO COMPANY

Information has been received by this Bureau that tankers of the Texaco Company are now operating one hundred miles from the Atlantic shore. At various times all men are suddenly given orders to go below deck and not to come up until the word is given. During this time the sound of the ship's engine indicates that fuel is being poured out.

The source of this information believes that this might possibly be a refueling of Nazi submarines.

These data are forwarded to you for your information and whatever action you may deem advisable.