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From: The Chief of Naval Operations, once.
To: The Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: William P. Wishar, Lieut. Comdr., USCG (Ret.).

Reference: (a) Ltr. from Commandant, USCG, to DNI, dated Feb. 11, 1942, same subject.

Enclosures: (A) IND NIS report dated March 10, 1942, same subject.
(B) Copy of ltr. from Director, FBI, to DNI, dated Mar. 4, 1942.
(C) copy of ltr. from DIO IND to DNI, dated Feb. 11, 1942, same subject.
(D) Copy of ONI NIS report dated Feb. 1, 1942, same subject.

1. In accordance with reference (a), an investigation of subject was instituted by this office.

2. A report of the investigation made in the First Naval District is attached hereto as enclosure (A). Some further investigation is being conducted in other Districts and when reports are received, they will be forwarded to you. When these reports are received, the case will be concluded by this office.

3. The information developed to date is being transmitted herewith in order that you may take such action as you deem advisable. The information contained in enclosures (B) to (D) has been previously discussed with Lieut. Comdr. Pollie, USCG.

4. It is hereby certified that the originator considers it impracticable to phrase this document in such a manner as will permit a classification other than secret.

J. B. W. Waller,
By direction.

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Dictated Mar. 13, 1942
Dictated by Lieut. (Jg) B. N. Johnson
Typed by J. Hoch

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WASHINGTON

11 February, 1942.

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From: The Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.
 To: The Director of the Office of Naval Intelligence,
 U. S. Navy.
 Subject: Investigation, request for.

1. Lieutenant L. C. Gibson, U. S. Coast Guard, has advised me personally and confidentially that he believes that Lieutenant Commander William P. Wishaar, U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, is, or has been, engaged in disloyal activities and that certain information relative to this situation is in the hands of the District Intelligence Officer, First Naval District.
2. It is requested that the Office of Naval Intelligence make an exhaustive investigation of the alleged activities and related matters and report the results of such investigation to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

R. R. Waesche

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From: The Director of Naval Intelligence.
 To: The District Intelligence Officer,
 First Naval District.

Subject: William F. Wishar, Lieut. Comdr., USCG (Ret.).

Enclosure:

- (A) Copy of ltr. dated Feb. 1, 1942, from Lowell C. Gibson, Lieut., USCG, to Mr. Hopkins.
- (B) Copy of ltr. dated Feb. 11, 1942, from the Commandant, USCG, to DNI.

1. Enclosure (A) indicates certain evidence and information concerning subject has been obtained in your District in addition to that which has been transmitted to this office.

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2. It is requested that this office be furnished with any additional information you have secured concerning subject and his activities.

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3. In accordance with enclosure (B), it is further requested that a thorough investigation of subject be made and that this investigation be given most expeditious attention.

4. The urgency of delivery of this document is such that it will not reach the addressee in time by the next available officer courier. The originator therefore authorizes the transmission of this document by registered mail within the continental limits of the United States.

5. It is hereby certified that the originator considers it impracticable to phrase this document in such a manner as will permit a classification other than secret.

Dictated Feb. 16, 1942
 Dictated by Lt. (Jg) McN. Johnson
 Typed by J. Hoch

J. B. W. Wallen,
 By direction,

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MEMORANDUM

From: Director of Naval Intelligence

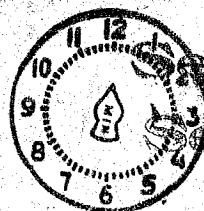
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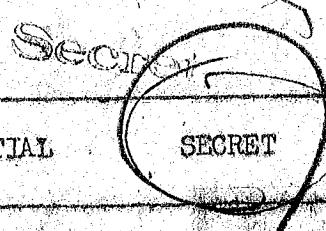
Delivered to us by Mr. Hopkins via Capt. McCrea, aide to President. Please look into as far as considered necessary.
Don't wish the fellows previously suspect of being
^{in Admin. Waende} German, because of
alleged pro-German
sympathies?

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Arlington, Mass.,

1 February, 1942

Mr. Hopkins

SECRETOFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE

This letter is sent as a result of your instructions by telephone on Sunday 1 February, 1942.

I am a Lieutenant in the United States Coast Guard, assigned about 10 Dec., 1941 to temporary duty in the office of the Captain of the Port, Boston.

On about 18 Dec. in the offices of the Captain of the Port, I found several letters and other papers belonging to Lieut. Comdr. Wm. Wishar,

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Captain of the Port which tended to prove
that he was a German agent. I took the
papers to the Intelligence Office of the
First Naval District, and presented them
to Lieut. O'Neill who examined the paper
and took me to Commander Major, Senior
Intelligence Officer of the First Naval District.

Commander Major and Lieut. O'Neill
believed as I did and immediately made
photostats of the evidence, and took
proper steps to disseminate the information.

On about 21 December I found
more evidence and with the aid of
Lieut O'Neill, this evidence was delivered
to the office of Naval Intelligence, First

Naval District and photostated.

Due to the accumulation of evidence and the fact that I am a member of the Coast Guard, I requested Comdr. Majors permission to inform Captain C. H. Roemer, Senior Coast Guard Officer, First Naval District. Thereupon I did so inform him and Comdr. L. H. Baker, chief of staff, Senior Coast Guard Officers Office, First Naval District.

Since the above date on several occasions, I have delivered verbal evidence to the office of First Naval District and to Captain Roemer.

About 20 January, through accident,
I learned from Lieut. Jordan, U.S.C. &
District Security Officer, that he had
submitted a written report to Captain
C. H. Roemer concerning the activities
of a German agent by the name of Alliken
who is a brother-in-law of Lieut. Comdr.
Wm. Wishar. At my understanding that
Lieut. Comdr. Wishar was involved in this
report and that Captain Roemer re-
wrote the report before it was submitted
and deleted all reference to Lieut. Comdr.
Wishar.

When I first began to make my

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reports the Naval Intelligence Office and Captain Roemer were greatly interested but no positive action was taken.

Evidence accumulated tending to prove that perhaps Captain C. H. Roemer was also implicated.

I sought an explanation for the failure to remove Lieut. Comdr. Wishart when I believed it proven that he is a dangerous German agent and has access to the movements of many merchant vessels and to vital secret military information. The only explanation I could receive was that the evidence was not sufficient and that was my

evidence submitted implicated Major Carroll of the War Dept. it was necessary to wait until further evidence had been uncovered and the War Dept. had had time to check on Major Carroll.

Certain verbal evidence I have reported tended to prove that Lieut. Cmdr. Wishar was most active in reporting the movements of vessels to the enemy and that serious loss of life and material was occurring.

In an effort to obtain further evidence I appealed to Lieut. Carl Sternfeld of the Naval Intelligence to help me. On Saturday 31 Jan., 1942 Lieut. Sternfeld

and I examined many more papers
and obtained considerable evidence which
he now has.

The most important information in
this last evidence was a list of stocks
and bonds deposited in a Cleveland Bank
in the value of about \$100,000.00 and a
letter sent by Captain Roemer sent to
Lieut. Comdr. Wishar which was signed
"Fritz Roemer" when his name is C.H.
Roemer. This personal letter seemed to
indicate that Captain Roemer had
approved the assignment of Lieut. Comdr.
Wishar as Captain of the Port of Boston.
I have great faith in the ability

of Lieut. Sternfeld to produce action, but
inasmuch as the delay in removing Lieut
Comdr. Wishar seemed to be of great milit.
importance I decided to call you on the
telephone and request that I be given
an opportunity to present the evidence
which I have.

I have confined myself to facts in as-
much as I do not wish to write any
personal ~~opinions~~ which I cannot prove
with evidence.

I urgently request that this infor-
mation shall not be divulged to
any officer in Coast Guard Headquarters
until Lieut. Sternfeld has been

Due to the military importance of this information I deemed it my duty to make this report to you.

Lowell C. Libson
Lieutenant, U.S.C.I.

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