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From: Naval Attaché, Santiago, Chile.
To: The Director of Naval Intelligence.

SUBJECT: Japanese Espionage Activities.

Reference: (a) Op Secret Serial 0234616 of November 3, 1942.

1. Paragraph 7 of reference (a) is in error. Maximiano Errazuriz, notorious Chilean Jap-lover, was removed from the directorate of the Compania Sud-Americana de Vapores (CSAV) a year ago and has no connection with the administration of the line. In general the officers and management are highly cooperative. When requested by the U.S. embassy or the attaché, they have discharged suspected personnel, or in a few cases transferred to unimportant posts. They have expressed their willingness to continue this policy. It is unlikely that enemy couriers are using CSAV ships with the knowledge of line officials or ships officers.

2. This cooperation on the part of CSAV is mostly a selfish one, as nearly the entire fleet uses the Panama Canal, and anti-U.S. policy would result in ruin for the company. It is known that the CSAV influence is used to prevent Chile breaking relations with Germany, as its ships now enjoy practical immunity from submarine attack. In other words, the CSAV policy is neither pro-Axis, pro-U.S., or pro-Chilean, but pro-CSAV.

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