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From: Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific  
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Subj: Protection of ships from sabotage

Ref: (a) MSTSPAC CONF NOTICE 03800 of 14 March 1968

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Notice is to:

a. Alert addressees to a recent attempt to sabotage a U. S. Flag merchant ship in a Vietnamese port.

b. Call attention to reference (a) and to the need for continuing review and application of its requirements.

2. Background. An attempt to sabotage a U. S. Flag merchant ship was recently discovered during its return voyage from Republic of Vietnam. The ship had discharged a cargo of munitions, including napalm and conventional bombs. Subsequent to discharge and departure a box of eighty incendiary devices was discovered in a hold. A further search of the hold revealed several devices set to ignite. One was hanging from a nail and would have gone off if removed without unwinding its wire. Another was found affixed to a rat trap concealed by lumber. The trap had sprung but had failed to set off the device.

3. Action. COMSTSO's, MSTSREPS, Masters and COMILDEPS shall review reference (a) for compliance with its requirements. Masters shall, if not now in effect, establish a continuing requirement for security checks upon departure from Republic of Vietnam ports.

4. Cancellation. This Notice is cancelled on December 31, 1969.

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