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### ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

FROM:

NO.

DATE

22 Jun '53

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
[ ]			29 Jun	[ ]	[ ] Recon.
2.					
PB FORTUNE file					
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Report of [ ] on Recent Reconnaissance.

1. [ ] was a member of the crew, assisting [ ] in the engine room.
2. The following are salient points mentioned:
  - a. [ ] was unfit to command. Several times he changed course established by [ ] was responsible for the ship being 25 miles off course, almost ran it on coral reefs; and did run it aground on return to Panama. He did not handle himself as a true skipper nor did he know how to direct the crew.
  - b. [ ] is thoroughly capable of commanding and has the confidence of the entire crew. At least some of the crew would not care to sail again under [ ]
  - c. [ ] is a capable engineer.
  - d. Before a landing party went ashore signs of habitation were visible on the Island. So many of the crew went ashore it was more like a picnic than a reconnaissance.
  - e. When [ ] was on deck, during period that ship was anchored off Island, he saw only one small sailing craft.
  - f. All repairs to be made on ship will be completed by 30 June. It will be more seaworthy than when original recon was started.
  - g. At no time was [ ] questioned after the recon.
  - h. In the weeks preceding the recon, when [ ] was working on repairs [ ] made no effort to do anything about a fire on board, nor did he open the vents at night in order to keep the temperature down where hardware was stored. Nor was an effort made to clean up rags and other materials that were susceptible to spontaneous combustion.
  - i. There was neither lifeboat nor fire drill before sailing, and no life rafts had been provided.
  - j. [ ] is agreeable to sailing again but not under the command of [ ] He would have full confidence in [ ]

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bringing the ship through any storm once repairs now indicated are completed, except possibly a hurricane.

3. [ ] will go on leave this week, returning to Headquarters by 29 June.

JCK:PW

[ J. C. KING ]  
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