ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

March 26, 1942

Subject: Compensation for Loss of Vessel

To:

Caltex (Philippines) Inc., Cebu City

DECLASSIFIED Authority NND 883078

- 1) This will serve to officially advise you that your M/S "ESTRELLA CALTEX" commandeered by the USAFFE on December 29, 1941, was sunk off Lubang Island, Mindoro on February 24, 1942 after it had been attacked by enemy planes and caught fire. From the date said vessel was taken over by the Army up to and including the date she was sunk, the Government of the United States, thru the Office of the Finance Officer, will pay you the monthly rental of \$5,208.33, or fraction thereof, for the aforementioned period.
- The Board of Survey appointed and composed of the Captain of the Port of Cebu, the Superintending Engineer, and a Third Member chosen by the two members above mentioned, have, in joint meeting, agreed that the replacement cost of your M/S "ESTRELLA CALTEX" is One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00), U. S. Currency, and the Government of the United States will pay you this amount subject, however, to existing Army Regulations (Par. 23 b, AR 30-1320). Final action will be taken on all reports by the Quartermaster General acting for the Secretary of War. The Quartermaster General will also take the necessary steps to cause any payments to be made to the owners which he may approve on these reports. A signed copy of the REPORT of the Board of Survey is attached hereto for your information.
- 3) Please acknowledge and signify your conformity to the foregoing by signing at the foot of the duplicate of this letter.

/s/ C. Z. Byrd t/ C. Z. BYRD Major, QMC Asst. Supt., A. T. S.

We hereby manifest our conformity to the above. Cebu City, Caltex (PHILIPPINES) INC.,

Dist. Manager Owners of M/S "ESTRELLA CALTEX" Copy of this letter rec'd March 27, 1942,

(SGD) P. H. Sanders Dist. Mgr. CALTEX (PHIL.) INC.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Captain, Investigatin Officer

Note: Original Returned to R.P.D.

FOLDER # 15 M/S "ESTRELLA CALTEX"