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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

It seems to me we should remember in the summary court martials of these 208 men that they were activated by mass fear and that this was understandable. Their punishment should be nominal.

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Report from the Secretary sent to Mrs. Roosevelt for her information and return for our files.

(No papers accompanied the original of the memorandum to the Secretary of the Navy)