

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

9 January 1946

MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY:

Subject: Port Chicago Mutiny

The attached endorsement is recommended for your signature. As previously stated 47 of the 50 defendants have already been restored to duty for rehabilitation via twelve months overseas service. Of the other three, two are in the hospital and the third was guilty of some offense while in prison. The release of these men has already been commented on in the press by Lester Granger.

The endorsement is in accord with the recommendations to you of 15 October 1945 by Captain Stassen. Following your signature the defendants will be informed of their reduced sentences. Prompt action in this respect is important so that they may be advised of the reduced periods of confinement to which they will be subjected (2/3 of the sentence) in the event of any violations of probation.

<sup>approval</sup>  
The date of 20 November 1945 has been inserted to satisfy various technicalities in the lengthy history of this case.

Respectfully,



Edward Hidalgo

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