

U.S.S. BARNETT

June 13, 1942.

Memorandum to Captain Phillips:

A few days after the Barnett left on it's recent trip to California, I was in the Chart House with Mr. Bontecou and the Executive Officer of the Lexington. The following is a statement of what I remember to have heard from their conversation. Mr. Bontecou asked the Executive Officer of the Lexington, Mr. Seligman whether it was all right to give Mr. Johnston access to some restricted charts that he had in his possession. The answer was in the affirmative and Mr. Seligman added that Mr. Johnston was permitted access to all secret and confidential matter except the . The Executive Officer continued by stating that Mr. Johnston would have to be quiet and these matters to himself because it would ruin his career as a correspondent. He added that Mr. Johnston would be the one to go to Washington to tell the Secretary of the Navy of the action which had just taken place. After emphasizing the fact to Mr. Bontecou that Mr. Johnston could be trusted and could see any confidential and secret matter, the conversation shifted to other topics.

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reference par 8 of C.O. Barnett's report of June 9, 1942

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