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5800  
1 July 2016

Katherine Gallagher  
Center for Constitutional Rights  
666 Broadway, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 100012

Re: Center for Constitutional Rights v.  
Department of Defense, et. al.  
S.D.N.Y. 11-cv-03533

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

In your June 22, 2016, letter you requested a segregability review of eight documents consisting of thirty-four pages of e-mails from and to the United States Coast Guard Atlantic Command dated from June 2 to June 5, 2010, which were originally withheld in their entirety. All thirty-four pages are now being produced (DHSCoastGuard 0835-0868) with redactions made pursuant to exemption b(5) (deliberative process and attorney-client privileges) and exemption b(6) (personal identifiable information.) You may note that some of the documents have yellow highlighting. This highlighting is not original to the documents, but is an artifact of the review process which we were not able to remove.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 372-3733.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BJ", with a flourish extending to the right.

BRIAN JUDGE  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Claims and Litigation  
By direction of the Commandant

Enclosure

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**From:** Christensen Eric CAPT  
**To:** Ken on John S CAPT  
**Subject:** FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:16:08 PM  
**Attachments:** DL8172AC.DOC

Jack,

Not sure if you are in yet, please see below.

Eric P. Christensen  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
CG-543

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Christensen, Eric CAPT  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:15 PM  
**To:** Koster, John CAPT  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Stroh, Lincoln CAPT; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

John,

Vessel may be participating in a forthcoming attempt to run the Gaza blockade. Based on the present information, vessel is a Delaware-registered recreational vessel operating in the Western Mediterranean. Vessel may be currently docked in Limassol, Cyprus. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Vessel reportedly measures under 100qrt (approximately 66' in length). [REDACTED]

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I know you are out the door soon, so please forward as appropriate and advise a POC.

Eric P. Christensen  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
CG-543

-----Original Message-----

From [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Captain,

[REDACTED]

Commandant (CG-543)

ATTN: Office of Vessel Activities

U.S. Coast Guard

2100 Second St., S.W. Stop 7581

Washington, D.C. 20593-7581

(202) 372-1221

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
From: Kenyon, John S CAPT  
Sent: Saturday, June 05, 2010 10:58 AM  
To: [REDACTED] Sinnett, Joseph C CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Cc: Shaw, Adam J CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

We'll stand by for potential tasking. [REDACTED] and I will be out of the office on Monday so LCDR Hudson is your best POC and she can then reach out to us.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:27 PM  
To: Sinnett, Joseph CAPT; Kenyon, John S CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

fyi

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 12:33 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I believe we can solve that problem.

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so I'm sure we can address these concerns now.

[REDACTED]  
I trust that will be part of your meeting this afternoon. If we anticipate a need for a CG-requested MOTR, I will need to lay the foundation for that earlier rather than later today. Accordingly, please advise as soon as the intended COA becomes clearer.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:27 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

I am

going to try to put together a meeting this afternoon with folks from our 3R shop, 5 and Intel folks to help out.

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:06 AM  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT; [Redacted]  
Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

Thanks [Redacted] and I also very much appreciate the phone call earlier. I think we are synched up pretty well on the (albeit imperfect) facts and potential options for you to consider.

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[Redacted] State is also very grateful for the additional factual information that [Redacted] has been providing and we have been passing on to them.

Best Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]  
United States Coast Guard  
Deputy Chief  
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)  
2100 Second Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20593  
Phone: 202-372-3791  
Fax: 202-372-3972  
SIPR: [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:54 AM  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT; [Redacted]  
Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

Thanks [Redacted] great talking with you. I understand what you saying.

[Redacted]  
your help!

Thanks for

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 9:35 AM  
To: [Redacted]

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Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT; [REDACTED]

Roberge, Christopher CAPT

Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation



Best Regards,



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[REDACTED]  
United States Coast Guard  
Deputy Chief  
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)  
2100 Second Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20593  
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Fax: 202-372-3972  
SIPR: [REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:54 AM  
To: [REDACTED] Higgins, Mark CAPT; [REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT (b)(5)  
Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation  
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[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:54 PM  
To: Higgins, Mark CAPT; [REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (b)(5)  
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[REDACTED]  
United States Coast Guard  
Deputy Chief  
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)  
2100 Second Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20593  
Phone: 202-372-3791  
Fax: 202-372-3972  
SIPR: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Higgins, Mark CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:45 PM  
To: [REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made a good point about the timing of the registration being linked to the politics of the operation.

R,

Mark R. Higgins, CAPT, USCG  
Atlantic Area  
Staff Judge Advocate

Phone: (757) 398-6741  
Cell: (757) 285-6341  
Command Center: (757) 398-6700  
E-mail: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:29 PM  
To: [REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Cc: Higgins, Mark CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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[REDACTED]

It may be worth giving [REDACTED] at the Delaware Enforcement Division a call at (302) [REDACTED] to find out if that is a possibility.

VR LCDR BHP

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**From:** [Christensen, Eric CAPT](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Kaser, Richard CAPT](#); [Higgins, Mark R CAPT](#);  
[Kenney, Frederick J RADM](#) [REDACTED]  
**cc:** [Stroh, Lincoln D CAPT](#) [REDACTED]  
[Kenyon, John S CAPT](#);  
**Subject:** RE: CHALLENGER II CONFERENCE CALL @ 1330  
**Date:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:11:27 PM

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Thanks to everyone who participated in the call. LANT has for action and will work with Intel folks to develop UNCLASS traffic to keep chain of command updated and informed. There are myriad issues in play here. ACTEUR will continue to engage Cyprus to clarify facts of the current situation.

With LANT provided information we can work inter-agency issues as required/ requested.

Eric P. Christensen  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
CG-543

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:07 PM  
**To:** Kaser, Richard CAPT; Christensen, Eric CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Stroh, Lincoln CAPT; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CHALLENGER II CONFERENCE CALL @ 1330  
**Importance:** High

Captains, Sirs,

Please call the following number at 1330 (East Coast) to discuss way forward on this matter: [REDACTED] then input [REDACTED] followed by # key.

All participants can use this number.

[REDACTED]  
Office of Vessel Activities  
Domestic Compliance Division (CG-5431)  
202.372.1221

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Kaser, Richard CAPT

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:56 PM  
To: Christensen, Eric CAPT  
Cc: [REDACTED] Kenney, Frederick CAPT; [REDACTED] Stroh, Lincoln  
CAPT; [REDACTED] Higgins, Mark CAPT  
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Yes....i have a 1400 with respect to DW ....get [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on a call to work  
out lanes....we are pulsing to I'd other US vsls os Eastern Med for CAA vis. s/  
rick

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christensen, Eric CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:42 AM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Kaser, Richard CAPT  
Cc: [REDACTED] Kenney, Frederick CAPT; [REDACTED] Stroh, Lincoln  
CAPT  
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Rick,

Do you want to have a conference call to determine lead on this? It does appear  
we have staffs working concurrently.

Eric P. Christensen  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
CG-543

-----Original Message-----

From: Kaser, Richard CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:42 AM  
To: Christensen, Eric CAPT  
Cc: Kenyon, John S CAPT; [REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT; Watson,  
James RADM  
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Eric - - this is operational as well as political - - please work to ACTEUR thru  
LANT.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kenyon, John S CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:07 AM

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To: Christensen, Eric CAPT; [REDACTED]

Cc: Roberge, Christopher CAPT [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Eric, [REDACTED]

Attached is some preliminary research done by the staff here on the Challenger II. Very charged situation. I have a prior appointment at the Haag but should return by my time by 1600. [REDACTED] is in the office should you need to discuss prior to then. I can also be reached on my cell.

Given that the vessel may be in Turkish-occupied Cyprus, given the nature of activity and people on board these vessels, [REDACTED]

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CAPT John S. Kenyon  
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:59 AM

To: Kenyon, John S CAPT; Christensen, Eric CAPT; [REDACTED]

Cc: National Command Center; Roberge, Christopher CAPT; [REDACTED]

(ACTEUR)

Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Captain,

I spoke with the US Embassy in Cyprus (specifically, the Special Agent in Charge of the Force Protection Detachment). He confirmed that the US Embassy knows about some of the activities of the Challenger I and II. He also stated that, as of last night (02JUN10), the government of Cyprus is officially denying entry of the Challenger ships into Cypriot territory.

Based on news websites, we have information that the Cypriot government denied the Challenger boats access to Cypriot territorial waters even to use small boats to ferry passengers from the Challenger 2 to Turkish ships involved in the Gaza flotilla. The Cypriot government also used helicopters to enforce this decision.

However, Cyprus does not control the northern half of their island (Turkish-occupied Cyprus). From news reports, it looks like the Challenger I pulled into the port of Famagusta in Turkish-occupied Cyprus for repairs on May 29th.

I am waiting for a call back from one of my contacts at the US Embassy in

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Turkey to determine what information they have about this situation.

v/r [REDACTED]

Senior Investigating Officer  
U.S. Coast Guard Activities Europe  
Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Office: +31 10 442 4458 x205  
Mobile: +31 62-011-4138

-----Original Message-----

From: Kenyon, John S CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:55 AM  
To: Christensen, Eric CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Cc: National Command Center; Roberge, Christopher CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Eric,

I called the National Command Center (HQ) to find out if they had any new info (location specifically) on this vsI. They did not - I have copied them on this e-mail. My next step is to get contact info for Port State POC's in Cyprus and Greece should we need to interact with them at your direction (I don't want multiple CG reaching out to them at the same time). I'll stand by for further info. My cell and desk number are listed in my profile.

Jack

CAPT John s. Kenyon  
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

-----Original Message-----

From: Christensen, Eric CAPT  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:57 PM  
To: Kenyon, John S CAPT  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Jack,

Congrats on your new command.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 04:54 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Koster, John CAPT  
Cc: [REDACTED] Stroh, Lincoln CAPT; Christensen, Eric CAPT; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Kenney, Frederick CAPT  
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

John,

I just got off the phone with the State Office of Legal Advisor on a couple of quick follow-up questions and want to provide you some additional information (I've copied Eric and [REDACTED] as well). Please also see the attached crew and Passenger lists for the Challenger I and Challenger II (Challenger I is associated with Challenger II), but we believe she may still be in Greece. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A Principals Committee meeting may occur tomorrow on this subject. The extremely high level of political interest might necessitate a swift response from your staff to follow up this evening's forthcoming exchange with the Cypriots and put us in a good position to anticipate and respond to White House tasking. I have further asked State to identify a Legal Attache at a post in the region that might be available to assist, if necessary.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
United States Coast Guard  
Deputy Chief  
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941) 2100 Second Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20593  
Phone: 202-372-3791  
Fax: 202-372-3972  
SIPR: [REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christensen, Eric CAPT

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:15 PM

To: Koster, John CAPT

Cc: [REDACTED] Stroh, Lincoln CAPT; [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

John,

Vessel may be participating in a forthcoming attempt to run the Gaza blockade. Based on the present information, vessel is a Delaware-registered recreational vessel operating in the Western Mediterranean. Vessel may be currently docked in Limassol, Cyprus. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Vessel reportedly measures  
under 100grt (approximately 66' in length). [REDACTED]

I know you are out the door soon, so please forward as appropriate and advise a POC.

Eric P. Christensen  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
CG-543

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:50 PM

To: Christensen, Eric CAPT

Subject: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Captain,

[REDACTED]  
Commandant (CG-543)  
ATTN: Office of Vessel Activities  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second St., S.W. Stop 7581  
Washington, D.C. 20593-7581  
(202) 372-1221  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Christensen, Eric P CAPT; Kenyon, John S CAPT; Shaw, Adam J CAPT;](#)  
**cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia  
**Date:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:57:05 PM

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I can supplement the cable via Main State as Jack prefers, but request an after hours contact number.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
United States Coast Guard  
Deputy Chief  
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)  
2100 Second Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20593  
Phone: 202-372-3791  
Fax: 202-372-3972

SIPR: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Christensen, Eric CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:41 AM  
To: Kenyon, John S CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

Thanks Jack. May be too late to add [REDACTED] I will defer to [REDACTED] Still have Qs for inspection/Rec determination. I will copy you on a briefing document we are putting together for DCO.

Eric P. Christensen  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
CG-543

-----Original Message-----

From: Kenyon, John S CAPT

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:33 AM

To: Christensen, Eric CAPT; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

Eric,

Pls list our SIO [REDACTED] as our primary and list me next. Her number is [REDACTED]. My extension is [REDACTED].

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We are working status of CHALLENGER II location etc.  
Jack

-----Original Message-----

From: Christensen, Eric CAPT

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:26 PM

To: Kenyon, John S CAPT; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

Importance: High

Jack,

As a follow up to [REDACTED] e-mail regarding conflicting info.

Looking for a quick turnaround regarding POC for ACTEUR. Below is Demarche insert DOS needs to get out very soon to Cyprus.

Let me know if you want your SIO as POC. [REDACTED]

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Thanks,

Eric P. Christensen  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
CG-543

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:09 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Christensen, Eric CAPT  
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:55 PM  
To: [REDACTED] Kenney, Frederick CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

We'll consult with our clients in the morning and circle up on that. If it is recommended by us, we'll provide some language. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 08:40 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Kenney, Frederick CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

Gents - first, many thanks for collaborative effort. [REDACTED]

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Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 12:33 PM  
To: Roberge, Christopher L CAPT; Sinnett, Joseph C CAPT; Higgins, Mark R CAPT;  
Lunday, Kevin E CAPT; LANTWATCH; Kenyon, John S CAPT; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Christensen, Eric P CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Franklin, Paul E CAPT; Kaser, Richard CAPT; [REDACTED]; Christensen,  
Eric P CAPT; [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: Challenger I, II and III Particulars  
Attachments: Challenger I, II and III Particulars.doc

Attached are the particulars as best as I can determine for the Delaware registration information. The comments on the right are open source.

V/r,

[REDACTED]  
LANT3P-1  
Chief, Vessel, Facility & Waterways Management Compliance & Investigations  
Branch  
757-398-6619

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Kenyon, John S CAPT;](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Challenger I and II - Contact with Western Mediterranean Ships  
**Date:** Friday, June 04, 2010 2:32:38 PM

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Thanks sir, I saw ActEur's report yesterday, the crew list I did not. Thanks for sending it along. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VR BHP

-----Original Message-----

From: Kenyon, John S CAPT  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:28 AM  
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Challenger I and II - Contact with Western Mediterranean Ships

[REDACTED]  
As you may be aware we were brought into this effort yesterday after it had been worked at the HQ level since at least the 2nd of June. Yesterday we did research on line (open source) and communicated with the embassy in Cyprus. We also forwarded a memo to HQ/Lant with some suggestions and thoughts on overall situation (attached).

It appears that the two vessels were not operating as passenger vsls (open source info concerning trips on board for those sympathetic to the cause; no fee).

We have not had direct interaction with WMT - [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] My understanding is that the Challenger II got u/w from the port in Cyprus, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
The only info we had on the Master and crew was from a foreign country boarding (attached).

[REDACTED] will call you to discuss.

JSK

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:58 PM  
To: Kenyon, John S CAPT; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Subject: Challenger I and II - Contact with Western Mediterranean Ships

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Hello Activities Europe; I think you already know that this issue has some high level attention at this office and elsewhere.

Do you know if the M/V CHALLENGER I (aka SAMOUD) and M/V CHALLENGER II (aka AMAL) operated as either a Passenger and/or Cargo vessel (the carriage of passengers and/or freight for hire) during their participation in the Free Gaza flotilla?

Has your office had any direct contact with Western Mediterranean Trips (WMT) regarding their last voyage?

Can you ask the Cypriots if there has been any effort to re-flag the SAMOUD and AMAL since their aborted attempt to run the blockade?

Do you have any information on the Master and crew of the two vessels?

Thanks for the assistance.

VR [REDACTED]  
LANT AREA Prevention

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**From:** [Kenyon, John S CAPT](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [Sinnett, Joseph C CAPT](#);  
**cc:** [Shaw, Adam J CAPT](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation  
**Date:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 4:58:00 PM

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We'll stand by for potential tasking. [REDACTED] and I will be out of the office on Monday so [REDACTED] is your best POC and she can then reach out to us.

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**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 7:27 PM  
**To:** Sinnett, Joseph CAPT; Kenyon, John S CAPT; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 12:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT;  
[REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
**Subject:** RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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[REDACTED]

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Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT;  
[REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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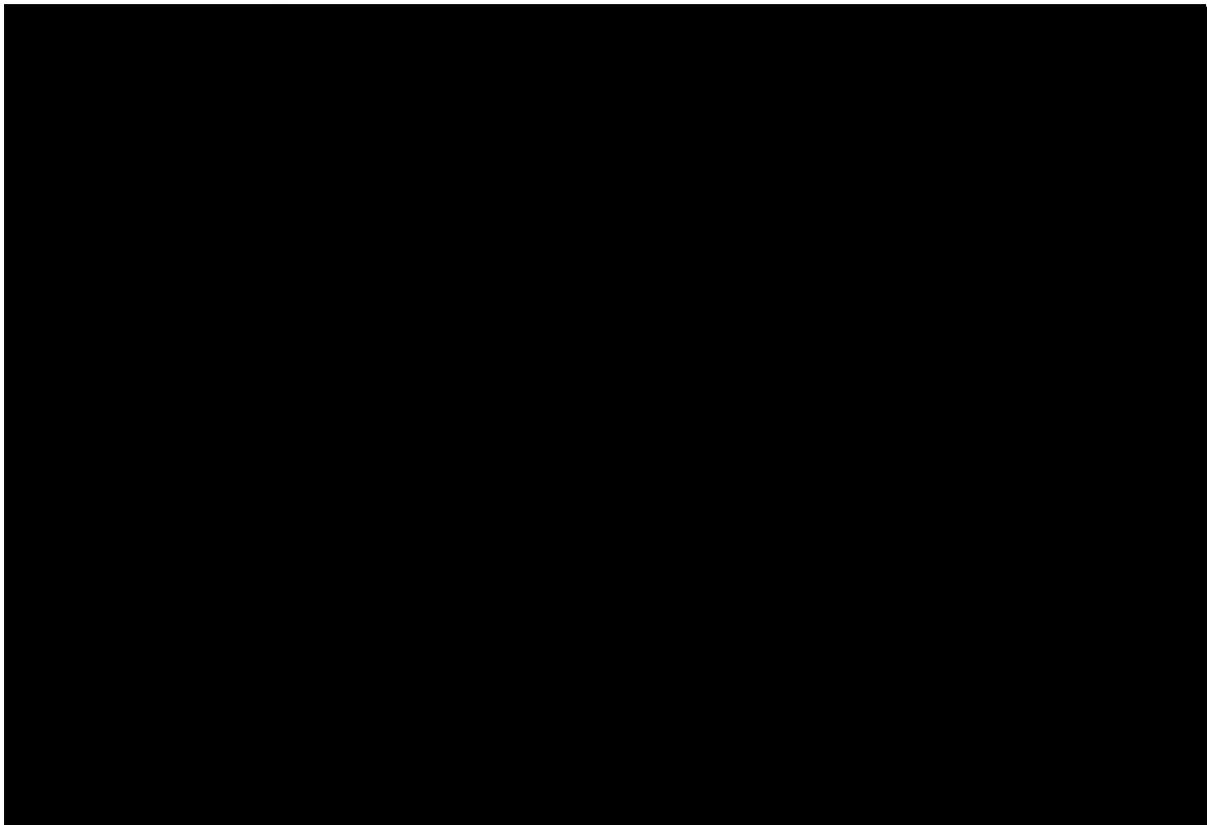
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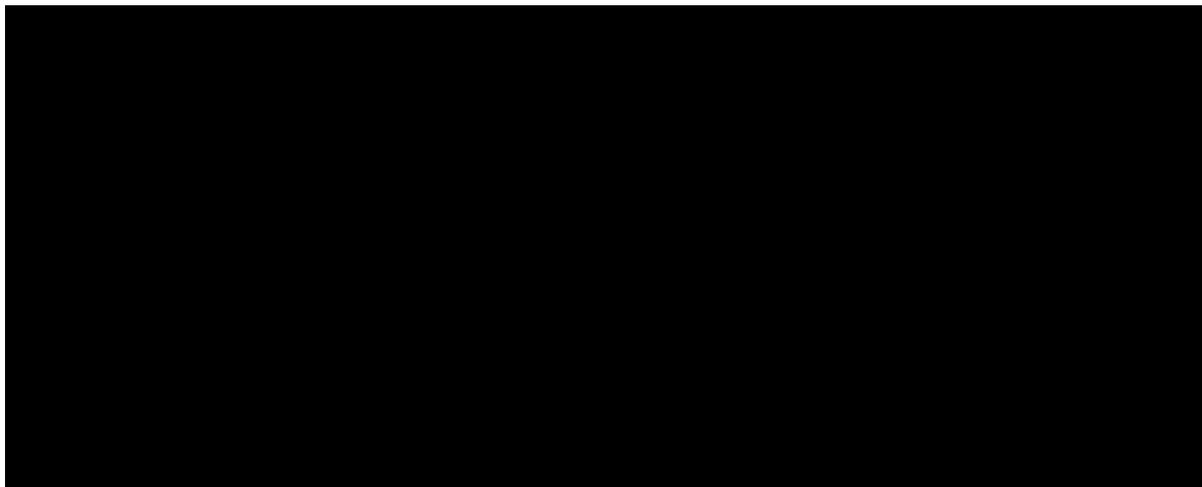
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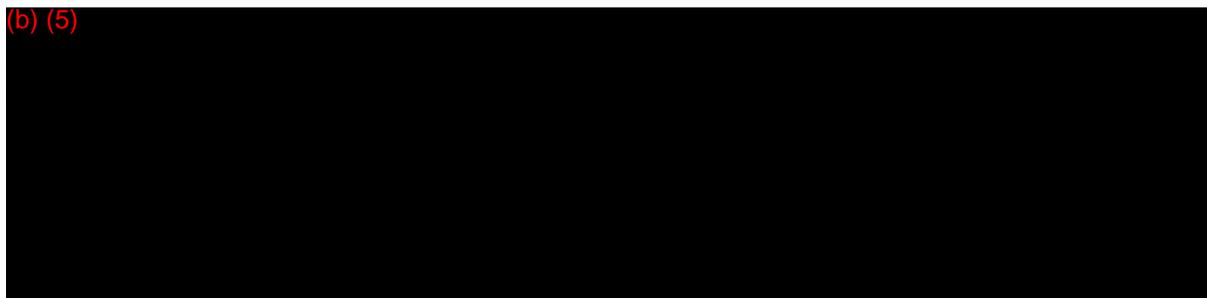
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To: Higgins, Mark CAPT; [REDACTED] Roberge,  
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From: Higgins, Mark CAPT

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:45 PM

To: [REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT

Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:29 PM

To: [REDACTED] Roberge, Christopher CAPT

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**From:** [Kenyon, John S CAPT](#)  
**To:** [Shaw, Adam J CAPT](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation  
**Date:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 4:41:00 PM

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This will likely come to a head on Monday afternoon (or sooner)...pls call me to be part of discussions and I will participate if possible. I will want to approve any proposed course of action that involves our people traveling...we want to have answers to our questions (from folks up the chain) prior to anyone departing.

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I am going to try to put together a meeting this afternoon with folks from our 3R shop, 5 and Intel folks to help out.

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Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:06 AM  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenney, Frederick CAPT; Higgins, Mark CAPT; [Redacted] Roberge, Christopher CAPT  
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

Thanks [Redacted] and I also very much appreciate the phone call earlier. I think we are synched up pretty well on the (albeit imperfect) facts and potential options for you to consider.

[Redacted] State is also very grateful for the additional factual information that [Redacted] has been providing and we have been passing on to them.

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Best Regards,

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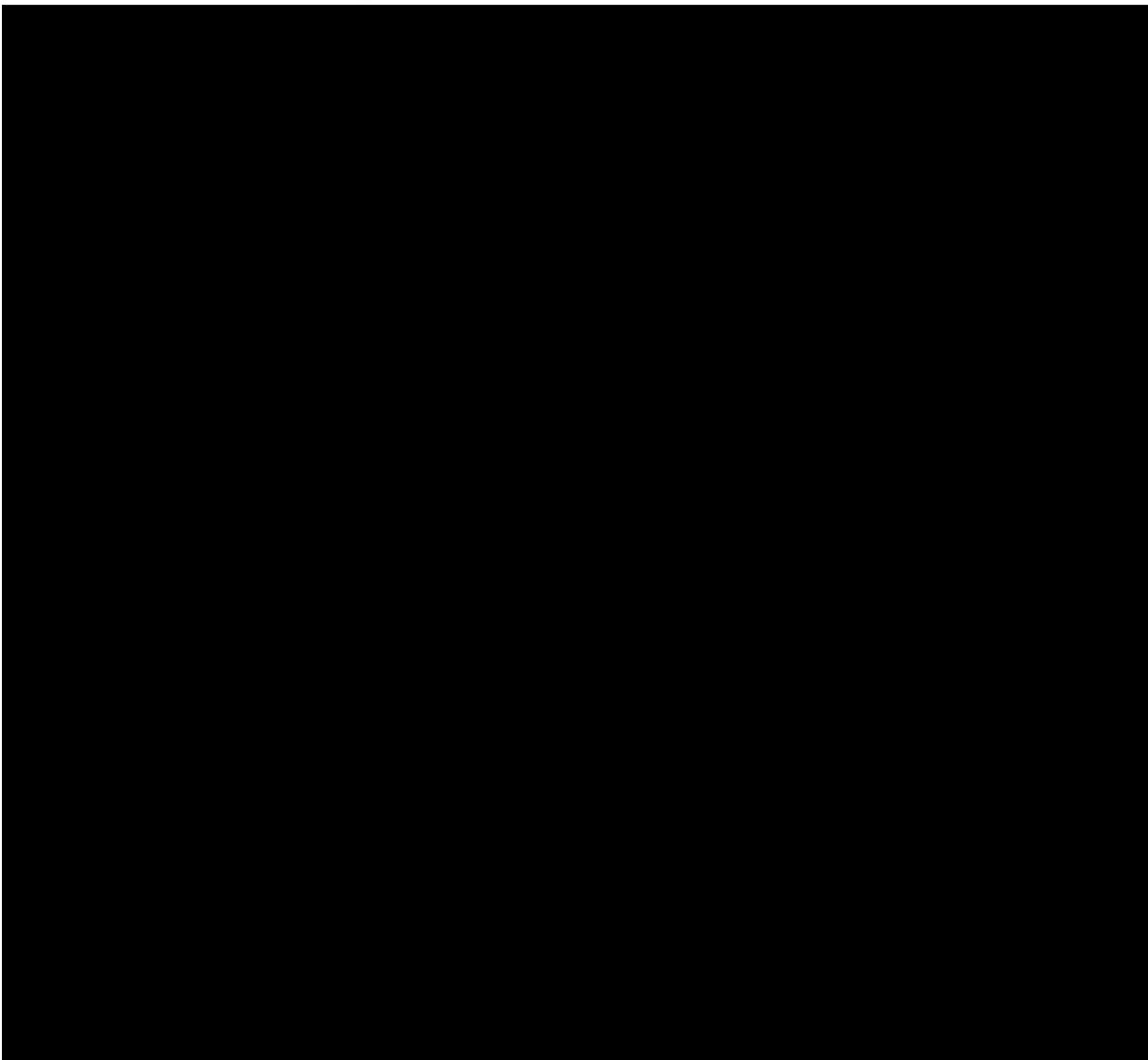
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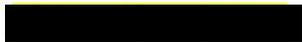
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Cc: [REDACTED]  
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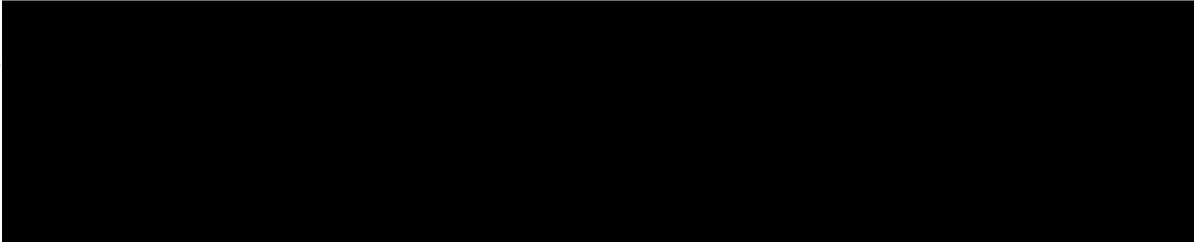
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