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Admiral Alfred Richmond
 Commandant
 United States Coast Guard
 1300 E Street, N. W.
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Richmond:

My attention has been called by Mr. Thomas B. Crowley of the Puget Sound-Alaska Van Lines to an unfortunate accident which occurred when one of the new barges owned by this company was recently destroyed in a gale in the Gulf of Alaska. Mr. Crowley tells me that he believes this loss could have been prevented if the Coast Guard Loran station at Ocean Cape was required to broadcast "Sea Lane" weather forecasts each hour, night and day, for vessels operating in the Gulf of Alaska.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know if this service can be made available as soon as possible.

I am sure you will agree that where lives and property are at stake every effort to protect them must be taken.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

ERNEST GRUENING