

Mr. Fulton

The report mentioned in the attached letter from Higgins would be located in the files of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Inasmuch as that office refused the Committee access to reports concerning military operations at the time of the Tank lighter investigation, I have not requested a copy of the report Higgins mentions and am referring this to you to determine whether or not the Committee desires to raise this issue with the Navy Department at this time.

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*Higgins Shipyard*

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November 1, 1943.

Mr. M. Gottesman, Secretary-Treasurer  
Higgins Industries, Incorporated  
New Orleans (19), Louisiana

Dear Mr. Gottesman:

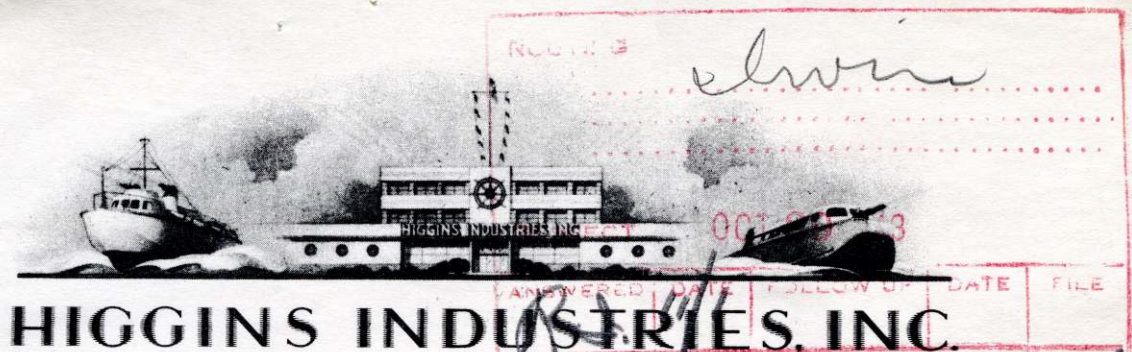
Thank you for your letter of October 27  
concerning a report made by the Navy Department  
on the subject of the performance of Higgins  
motor torpedo boats.

Very truly yours,

HUGH FULTON  
Chief Counsel

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# HIGGINS INDUSTRIES, INC.

*Torpedo Boat File*

A. J. HIGGINS, PRESIDENT

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October 27, 1943

Mr. Hugh Fulton  
Truman Investigating Committee  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fulton:

To further ascertain as to how the torpedo boats manufactured by Higgins are regarded by the officers and men who operate same, obtain a copy of a communication from the Commanding Officer of Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 15 to the Commander-in-chief of United States Fleet, dated July 11, 1943, marked "Secret", Serial S-12, on the subject of a report on Higgins type PT boats.

By accident we have seen a part of this report treating the torpedo boats built by Higgins and operating in the Mediterranean Sea.

Very truly yours,

HIGGINS INDUSTRIES, INC.

*M. Gottesman*  
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Secretary-Treasurer

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