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REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF CRAMP SHIPBUILDING COMPANY  
I SERVED THERE AS WELDING CONSULTANT IN 1941 AND 1942  
AND FOR MORE THAN 150 MANAGEMENTS BEFORE THAT. I DO NOT  
BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANYTHING WRONG THERE EXCEPT THAT  
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ANY HASTILY FORMED WAR ORGANIZATION  
OF EQUAL SIZE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF OUR EAST  
COAST ORGANIZATION. THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO ME TO BE ONE  
OF FINDING MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN SEASONED  
THERE AND PUTTING THEM IN CHARGE. THERE IS ABILITY AND  
WILLINGNESS AT CRAMPS. IN THE INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY  
AND OUR NAVY IN WHICH I SERVED IN THE LAST WAR I HOPE  
YOU WILL FIND IT

/s/ ROBERT KINKEAD

original telegram sent to Truman Committee