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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 1-2 June, 1945 BOARDED AT: Chas., S.C. DATE OF REPORT: 5 June, 1945

VESSEL: SS "ARTIGAS" (Panamanian) NO. IN CREW: 32

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSTIVE: (See Below) XX

OPERATIONS IN PORT: DISCHARGE EXPLOSIVES

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ITINERARY: Arrived Charleston, S. C., 1 June, 1945 from Belfast.

1. Crew list was checked thru the files of this office and revealed the following information:

PETERSEN, Einar, Danish, age 34, AB, M/S MIRRABOOKA (Swedish). PETERSEN signed off M/S MIRRABOOKA (Swedish) in San Francisco, California, in January, 1945. (See DCGO, 12ND (int) ltr. to COMMANDANT (INT) dated 14 February, 1945 (6614-CONFIDENTIAL).

2. Einar PETERSEN, FM/WT, aboard SS ARTIGAS (Pan), age 35, born in Denmark, was interviewed and is identical with the above-mentioned PETERSEN. PETERSEN's papers, including Panamanian employment card had been previously endorsed in another District. PETERSEN advised that he had signed off the MIRRABOOKA in January, 1945 and that he had traveled to New York City, N. Y., and was signed aboard the SS ARTIGAS in New York in February 1945 by representatives of the U.S. Lines.

3. In accordance with Intelligence Division Memorandum 16-45 and 54-45, PETERSEN will not be permitted to sign on any vessel in this district. PETERSEN was advised that there are no Swedish Neutral Vessels sailing from Charleston. Shipping Commissioner, local shipping companies and WSA are cognizant.

4. SANSO, Mario, 2nd Radio, 39, Italian national, a parolee from Fort Missoulla, is aboard SS ARTIGAS. The Master, J. WOLLITZ and Chief Officer, Charles RICHARDS, advised that SUBJECT is still a fascist; that he refused to turn to for his watch on time. Mr. RICHARDS advised that he would not recommend SANSO for work as a radioman aboard a vessel. Captain WOLLITZ advised that he will not sign SANSO aboard his ship for the next trip. The Chief Radio Officer, R. David ROBINS,

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DCGIO, 6ND (1)  
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BOARDING OFFICER: .....

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advised that, in his opinion, SUBJECT was not too ambitious, but that he seemed to know his work; that if he had his choice he would rather not have him as his second radioman. Mr. ROBINS further advised that he has never heard SANSO make any derogatory statements regarding the U.S.; that he seemed a little radical but not an agitator.

5. RAMIRIZ, Carlos R., wiper, Honduranian, was interrogated and Panamanian employment card endorsed for security. Form 2515 and 2765 are forwarded herewith.

6. Remaining 30 aliens produced their papers and they were found examined for security in other districts, and endorsed.

Subj: Crew members deserting from the SS "ARTIGAS" (Panamanian flag)

1. The following crew members failed to sail on the SS "ARTIGAS" (Panamanian flag) which arrived in the port of San Francisco, California, 30 July, 1945, and departed 24 August, 1945.

LUMASI, Robert J., U.S., "messman". Born 1928, California. Description: Height, 5'10"; Race, white.

BOBERTE, Herbert, U.S., "A.B." Born 1906, U.S.A. Description: Height, 5'7 1/2"; Race, white.

2. The above-mentioned merchant seamen are classified as deserters and their names are being forwarded for your information in the event that they appear in your district in connection with the screening program for merchant marine personnel.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
C. J. JANSSEN  
By direction

CC: The Commandant (INT)

*[Handwritten initials]*