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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Coast Guard.  
Attention: Lieut. Anshey.

Subject: Merchant Seamen aboard  
SS Barbara Frietchie.

Attached for your information find copy of memorandum of 9 September 1944 regarding merchant seamen William W. BOIS, Samuel BIERMAN, David GREENBERG, Milton R. RUFF and Edward T. DEBOLD, of the SS BARBARA FRIETCHIE and letter of 16 September 1944 containing additional information regarding three other members of the crew of that vessel.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

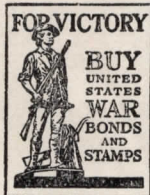
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GEORGE D. DORROH,  
Lieut. Colonel, (JAGD),  
Chief, Security Liaison Section,  
Washington Liaison Branch, MIS.

- 2 Incls:
- Incl 1. Memo dtd 9 Sept 44 re merchant seamen.
- Incl 2. Ltr dtd 16 Sept 44 re merchant seamen.

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PORT INTELLIGENCE OFFICE.  
APO 506, U. S. ARMY.

9 September 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: WILLIAM W. BOIS, SAMUEL BIERMAN, DAVID GREENBERG, MILTON R. RUFF and  
EDWARD T. DEBOLD, Merchant Seaman aboard the S. S. Barbara Frietchie.RE : Interviews with GEORGE KOJAKO, Chief Mate, and CARY R. LAWS, Chief Eng.,  
re SUBJECTS.On 9 September 1944, this Agent interviewed GEORGE KOJAKO, Chief Mate, and  
CARY R. LAWS, Chief Engineer, aboard the S. S. Barbara Frietchie, concerning SUBJECTS.KOJAKO stated that WILLIAM W. BOIS, Deck Eng., SAMUEL BIERMAN, A. B., DAVID  
GREENBERG, Deck Maint., MILTON R. RUFF, Steward, and EDWARD T. DEBOLD, Oiler, on the  
S. S. Barbara Frietchie, had stated that Russia was as good as the United States and  
had openly professed to be communist. KOJAKO said that SUBJECTS formed a little  
clique, were stubborn and mean and that there was a lack of co-operation on the part  
of each in the performance of their respective duties. That their attitude was one  
of general sullenness approaching insubordination.CARY R. LAWS, Chief Eng., confirmed the statements made by KOJAKO and in  
addition stated that on two occasions, 31 August 1944 and 8 September 1944, the locks  
to the CO-2 room had been broken. That no sabotage to the equipment in the CO-2  
room had been committed and in the opinion of Laws the locks were broken by one or  
more of SUBJECTS for the purpose of annoying and causing trouble for LAWS.

This ship is en route to the U. S. A. on a return voyage from Russia.

The Master was not aboard and for that reason could not be interviewed.

/s/ William W. Cowles  
WILLIAM W. COWLES,  
Agent CIC./s/ Julius P. Ray  
JULIUS P. RAY,  
1st Lt. T.O.  
Assistant Intelligence Officer.**CONFIDENTIAL**

HEADQUARTERS  
PORT INTELLIGENCE OFFICE  
7TH PORT  
APO 506  
U. S. ARMY

16 September 1944.

Subject: Unauthorized absence of Edward T. DeBold, Robert Johnson,  
and Francis G. Cousins from the S.S. "Barbara Frietchie".

To : Captain Paul F. Conklin, Port Intelligence Officer, 7th Port,  
APO 506, U.S.Army.

1. On 15 September 1944, Purser Charles G. Tracey, reported that the men listed above had gone ashore after the Master of the Ship, Alfred Hestnes, had cancelled all shore liberty.
2. The men had also been told by the Chief Mate, George Kojako, and the Chief Engineer, Carley R. Laws, that all shore liberty had been cancelled.
3. DeBold stated that he wanted to go ashore to see a doctor but the Chief Mate told him they would have a doctor come aboard the ship if he needed treatment. DeBold is an oiler in the Engineering Department and according to the Chief Engineer has been a trouble maker during the voyage on account of a real or imaginary illness, and has absented himself without leave on several occasions in the past.
4. Francis G. Cousins, and Robert Johnson are employed as wipers in the Engineering Department and have caused no trouble during the voyage other than a general laxity in the performance of their duties.
5. The Master would like to get rid of these men, but does not wish to return home shorthanded. He will report all incidents occurring during the voyage to the Coast Guard upon his return to the Home Port.
6. None of the men had returned at the time the Ship was visited by this Officer.

/s/ Junius P. Ray  
JUNIUS P. RAY,  
1st. Lt. T.C.  
Assistant Intelligence Officer.

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