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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 16 July 1945 BOARDED AT: Jax., Fla. DATE OF REPORT: 16 July 1945

VESSEL: U. S. SS BENJAMIN BOURN NO. IN CREW: 47

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

OPERATIONS IN PORT: LOADING

ITINERARY: DEPARTED JACKSONVILLE, FLA. 16 JULY 1945 FOR ROTTERDAM

1. Merchant Marine Suspect Files in the Sixth Naval District contained the following information regarding Frank KHOTH (see frank KNOFF):

"REF: (A) M.M.S.L. 1 SEPTEMBER, 1944; Z-9955, BORN GERMANY, AGE 55, 6'1", 1st ASST. ENGR. SS EDWIN CHRISTENSON, NOV. 1943. IN REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 1943 SUBJECT IS ALLEGED TO BE PRO-NAZI." 1 FEBRUARY, 1945.

SUBJECT, Chief Engineer aboard the SS BENJAMIN BOURN, is identical. He holds Continuous Discharge Book #009955, and maintains he has never had a Z Certificate. SUBJECT has Social Security Number 072-18-0869, Chief Engineer's License which was issued at New York on 1 November, 1943 bearing Serial No. 196574, and Issue No. 5-7; Captain of the Port Identification Card issued 1 July, 1943 at Mobile, Alabama, bearing Serial No. A-082-25401, and printed No. 417241, and Naturalization Certificate No. 894804, showing SUBJECT's birth as 24 January, 1887 in Stade, Germany, and naturalized 27 January, 1920 at Brooklyn, New York. SUBJECT readily admits having been on the SS EDWIN CHRISTENSON, but maintains he has never had any pro-Nazi inclinations, nor had troubles with any personnel on his ship. SUBJECT has been ashore since February, 1944. He further states that he has never used the name "Frank KNOFF", nor even heard of it. SUBJECT has been residing at 629 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, La. and occasionally acted as Night Engineer on vessels, but during most of his time ashore he merely "rested".

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)  
DCGIO, 6ND (1)  
File (1)

BOARDING OFFICER: J. S. Harrison

APPROVED: Harvey F. Johnson, Jr.

HARVEY F. JOHNSON, JR.,  
District CG Intelligence  
Officer, 6th NavDist.

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- (2) Name of vessel W. WITLESBERG Licensee MACKAY
- (3) Owner SUBJECT further maintains that he has never applied for a seaman's Passport, and consequently does not have a Seaman's Passport or receipt for application of same.
- (4) \*Remarks 2. Forms 2515 and 2765 have been prepared and are attached hereto.
- (4) Arrival within jurisdiction of the United States Hour 0845 Date 30 AUGUST 1943. Place CITY ISLAND
- (5) Last previous port HALIFAX, N.S. Port bound to UNKNOWN
- (6) Nature of service CARGO Purpose of visit LOADING
- (7) \*Remarks 41 in crew including 9 officers

ALL AMERICANS

Number of operators ONE (1)

Names of operators J. MC MILLAN

- (8) Transmitters: Main ( YES ) High Freq. ( NO ) Emergency ( YES ) Lifeboat ( YES )

Type MAIN & EMERGENCY 150AY

Manufactured by F T C

Power 200 WATTS

Frequency range 355 to 500 KCS

Freq. calibrated 355, 375, 400, 454, 500 KCS

- (9) Brief description of sealing operations SEALED POWER SWITCH IN OFF POSITION

- (10) Brief description of signaling apparatus MORSE & ALDIS LBPS.

- (11) Time sealed 1410 Eastern War Time.

- (12) I hereby certify that I have, in accordance with orders of the District Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District, sealed the radio apparatus of the above named vessel.

The serial number (s) of the seal (s) are (is) :

BUTTON 13041 - 13042

CONTACT WPA#

ANCHOR ( YES )  
 DEGAUSSED ( YES )  
 SPEED ( 12.5 ) Knots

Donald J. McConry  
 DONALD J. MC CONRY  
 E. M. 3/c

(Signature)

Attached to Office, District  
 Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District

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