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To: The Commandant (INT)

Subj: SS BOSENKA (Yugoslavian) - Boarding Report

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRICT CG INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 4ND

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1. The SS BOSENKA arrived in the Port of Philadelphia on 4 August, 1945 and was boarded on 6 August, 1945 for the purpose of interrogating its crew members. Georgji LERMONTOV, acting master of the SS BOSENKA, was interviewed, and he stated that the vessel departed Tacopilla, Chile on 2 July, 1945 and proceeded to Philadelphia, Pa. via the Panama Canal, El Salvador and Jamaica, British West Indies. He added that to the best of his knowledge all the crew members were bona fide seamen and possessed proper identity documents. He added that all crew members who were not Yugoslavs would be paid off the ship as the vessel was returning to Yugoslavia.

2. There is a memorandum from the District Coast Guard Officer, 12ND (int), File No. 6614, dated 23 February, 1945, on CRUZ, Rafael Ambrosio, an A. B. on the SS BOSENKA, to the effect that he deserted the SS IGOR (Greek) in San Francisco, California in February, 1945. CRUZ was questioned and he stated in substance that:

He was born on 7 December, 1921 in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, where he resides with his mother, Rafaela Maria CRUZ. From the age of 12 to November, 1943 he sailed on coastwise Costa Rican vessels and again from June, 1944 to January, 1945. He served as A. B. on the SS DON RAFAEL (Costa Rican) from 30 November, 1943 to 21 February, 1944 and on the MS CAROLINA (Panamanian) from March to June, 1944. These vessels sailed between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, Panama and Mexico. On 3 January, 1945 he signed on the SS IGOR (Greek) in Puntarenas, Costa Rica as indicated by a notation in his Costa Rican passport. On the day of the arrival of the SS IGOR in San Francisco, California, 13 February, 1945, he had an altercation with a Greek A. B. on board the vessel. In the course of the argument, the Greek A. B. attempted to knife him even though he (CRUZ) was unarmed. The following day he advised the master of the SS IGOR that he was leaving the ship and wanted to be paid off because he believed his life would be in danger. The master paid him off, but refused to give him a discharge because he had not served nine months on the ship. He did not desert the vessel. He then signed on the SS SAGUA

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(Honduran) in San Francisco, California on 15 February, 1945 and paid off in that port on 10 April, 1945. He signed on the SS BOSENKA in San Francisco, California on 23 April, 1945.

CRUZ possessed the following documents: Costa Rican Passport No. 139 issued at Puntarenas, Costa Rica on 9 November, 1943; letters from the masters of the SS DON RAFAEL (Costa Rican) and the MS CAROLINA (Panamanian) indicating service as an A. B. on those vessels; a discharge from the SS SAGUA (Honduran) and a release to sail on ships of the U. S. Merchant Marine issued on 15 February, 1945 by the Costa Rican Consul in San Francisco, California. His passport contains an indorsement by the Immigration Branch of C.I.D. dated 23 July, 1945 in Jamaica, British West Indies. CRUZ is described as follows: Height, 5'6½"; weight, 130 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, black.

3. CRUZ stated that while the SS BOSENKA was in Panama in June, 1945, his wallet, which contained his Captain of the Port Identification Card and his Alien Registration Card, was stolen. He was issued COTP Identification Card #04608293 on 7 August, 1945. CRUZ said he wished to apply for a Panamanian Seaman's Employment Card in view of the fact that only Yugoslavs were to be permitted to remain on the SS BOSENKA. He was issued Panamanian Seaman's Employment Card #1686 in Philadelphia, Pa. on 8 August, 1945. NCG-2515 and NAVCG-2765 forms are attached as inclosures 1 and 2.

4. Examination of the identity documents of, and interviews with the crew members of the SS BOSENKA indicated that they were all bona fide merchant seamen. Her entire crew was granted permission to land by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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