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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORTConfidentialConfidentialDATE BOARDED: 9-26-44 BOARDED AT: Sav. Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 9-28-44VESSEL: S/S "BRAND WHITLOCK" NO. IN CREW: 41CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE POSITIVE: (See Below) XXXXOPERATIONS IN PORT: Discharging Cargo.ITINERARY: Arrived Savannah, Georgia, from Port Said, Egypt on9-26-44.Subject: Antonio Rojas VALIDO, Utility aboard  
S/S "BRAND WHITLOCK".(b) Span Born: 10-30-96 at Las Palmas, Canary(c) U.S. Islands. Card #31-1859735, issued8-23-Ht: 5' 6" Wt: 146Eyes: Brown Hair: Black (greying)Complex., Dark Build: Medium

1. SUBJECT was checked through the files of another Government Agency with the following results:

"Antonio Rojas VALIDO deserted the S/S "MONTE JASINDO" (Spanish) which arrived Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 18 February, 1943. SUBJECT failed to be aboard when vessel departed on 9 March, 1943, and was classed by Immigration Authorities as a deserter."

2. Investigation revealed that SUBJECT deserted the S/S "MONTE JASINDO" on 20 February, 1943 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and immediately departed for New York City via train. Upon arriving at New York the SUBJECT applied for lodging at one of the local "Spanish Societies." Approximately fifteen days later, SUBJECT signed on the Standard Oil Company Tanker, "S/S TOURAINE," (Panamainian) and remained on that ship until August, 1943,

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SUBJECT signed off in New York. SUBJECT then signed on the S/S "GRIPSHOLM" (Swiss), as a "pantryman" making one round trip from New York to Car, India; the S/S "L. B. "MOSWELL", making one round trip from New York to England, and is presently aboard the S/S "BRAND WHITLOCK" in New York on the 22nd April, 1944. confidential

3. SUBJECT stated the reason for deserting the S/S "MONTE JASINDO" was he had received word that he was to be tried by Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Government for the participation in the Spanish Civil War. SUBJECT served with the Republic Army of Spain as a Lieutenant from July 1936 until June 1937. SUBJECT further stated two of his brothers were executed by Franco's Government, and one is presently in a Concentration Camp somewhere in Spain; that his family (wife and five children) are presently living in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, and he is the sole support. Said, Egypt on

4. SUBJECT has the following:

- (a) U. S. Maritime Document (Certificate of Identification - Z-437381, issued on 21 December, 1943 at New York).
- (b) Spanish passport #34869.
- (c) U.S.C.G. COTP Card #31-1259733, issued 8-23-43 at New York.

5. A clearance endorsement was placed on SUBJECT'S Maritime Documents, with the notation that SUBJECT'S photograph, fingerprints, and reports are on file at headquarters.

6. The local Immigration Authorities, Savannah, Georgia were made cognizant of SUBJECT'S arrival at the Port of Savannah, Georgia on 26 September, 1944.

7. Investigation revealed that the SUBJECT lost his "Certificate of Service". (only) Subject was issued a duplicate Certificate of Service on 9 February, 1944.

8. SUBJECT'S original "Certificate of Identification" has never been lost, or reported lost, and is in perfect order. (Z-438814)

9. A security endorsement was placed on SUBJECT'S Certificate of Identification.

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