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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 14 June 1945 BOARDED AT: Jax., Fla. DATE OF REPORT: 22 June 1945

VESSEL: U. S. SS BUTTON GWINETT NO. IN CREW: 42

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

OPERATIONS IN PORT: CONVERSION

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ITINERARY: ARRIVED JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 14 JUNE, 1945 FROM HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA

1. Merchant Marine Suspect Files in the Sixth Naval District contained the following information regarding HESS, Theodore; ROSA, Guillermo; and YEAW, William E.

MERCHANT MARINE SUSPECT LIST 1 SEPTEMBER, 1944, SHOWS HESS, THEODORE, Z-217513, 5'11", BLOND HAIR, BROWN EYES, BORN GERMANY 5 OCTOBER, 1907, (NAT.) RPTD. ARDENT NAZI.

Subject man is identical. He was issued United States Seaman's Passport #228935 on 18 August, 1944. HESS is married and resides with his wife, Mrs. Anna HESS, 567 Fox Street, Bronx, New York. He was issued Seaman's Certificate of Identity Z-217513 on 13 March, 1941 in the Third Naval District. He has Captain of the Port Identification Card No. 771809 issued 19 September, 1944, in the Third Naval District. SUBJECT man denies ever having been a Nazi, and he stated, "if I had been a Nazi they never would have issued me a United States Seaman's Passport." HESS's Z paper was endorsed for security by the Jacksonville Branch Intelligence Office.

MERCHANT MARINE SUSPECT LIST 1 SEPTEMBER, 1944 SHOWS ROSA, GUILLERMO, Z-10731, 36 YRS., 120 LBS., 5'2", BRN EYES, DK. COMP. BORN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, 10 APRIL, 1907. DECK WATCHMAN AND A. B., SS HELEN, OCT. 1943, SS SEMINOLE, AUG. 1942. RPTD. MAY 1942 TO BE MAKING DEROGATORY REMARKS ABOUT THE U. S. AND ALLIED POWERS.

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

BOARDING OFFICER: *J. S. Harrison*
APPROVED: *Harvey F. Johnson, Jr.*
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SUBJECT man is identical. As ROSA's United States Seaman's Passport No. 235483 was issued on 20 September, 1944, which date is subsequent to the information in the Suspect Files, no action was taken by this office.

MERCHANT MARINE PERSONNEL CIRCULAR #89 SHOWS YEAW, WILLIAM E. Z-248251 WANTED FOR A HEARING BY THE MARINE INSPECTION OFFICER.

Lieutenant Commander JARVIS, Merchant Marine Hearing Officer, Jacksonville, Florida, is cognizant.

2. Following aliens had Merchant Marine Documents endorsed as indicated:

Letter from	RUNDBERG, Roine.....3ND	GOARIN, Francois.....3ND
	BYRNE, Gerald.....5ND	MCCULLAGH, Michael...3ND

3. Following alien was fingerprinted and interrogated:

SERDENIA, Martin Theodore, PP# PI-3757; Chief Cook; born 11 November, 1911 at Philippine Island; Philippine Citizen. ✓

4. William Emerson YEAW, Z-248251-D-2, 2nd Cook and Baker, is a repatriated seaman. He signed aboard the SS BUTTON GWINETT on 23 April, 1945 at Marseille, France. SUBJECT maintains that he was Troop Baker aboard the SS PETER MINUIT when it arrived in Marseille, France, on 18 April, 1945. SUBJECT man maintains that having been aboard this vessel four days while it was in Marseille, and having had no liberty during this time, he left the ship at 7:30 on the morning of 18 April, 1945, with the assurance that the ship could not possibly complete its loading of War Prisoners until the next day, and that he intended to return in a few hours. However, when YEAW returned to the pier around noon on 18 April, 1945, he maintains that the SS PETER MINUIT had already sailed. YEAW stated that he reported to the Coast Guard Hearing Officer in Marseille on 19 April, 1945, at which time a hearing was held and he was found guilty of leaving ship without permission and failure to join ship. SUBJECT man stated he was given a four months suspension which was lifted in lieu of one year's probation. YEAW is married and his address is 15 Monument Square, Leominster, Massachusetts. Forms 2515 and 2765 prepared.

5. Forms 2515 and 2765 are forwarded.