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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 3-28-45 BOARDED AT: Sav. Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 3-30-45

VESSEL: SS "CAPE ALAVA" (US) NO. IN CREW: 53

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSITIVE: (See Below) XXX

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Unloading

ITINERARY: Vessel arrived Savannah, Georgia, from Chile at 1035,  
28 March, 1945.

*For info - FP rank  
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1. The crew list was checked through the files of this office with the following results:

"CALVERT, William Alfred, listed on M.M.S.L., 1 September, 1944; Z-46155; 5'8½"; brown hair; blue eyes; fair complexion; born Ohio, 25 September, 1916; O.S. Reported to be source of subversive propaganda among crew, undermined crews morale and efficiency. Agitator."

2. WILLIAMSON, R. J., Master of Subject vessel, stated he had heard no complaints about CALVERT, and that his services on Subject vessel were very satisfactory.

3. GIBERSON, Frank J., Z-12985, Chief Mate, stated that he and CALVERT had an argument at the start of the trip over the interpretation of Union rules, but other than that he considered CALVERT a very efficient A.B. GIBERSON further stated that he had heard no complaints from the rest of the crew about CALVERT, and that he would recommend CALVERT as to his work and conduct.

4. SIEBERT, Glennon C., Z-277869, Deck Maintenance, who shared the same cabin with CALVERT aboard Subject vessel, stated that he regarded CALVERT as an ideal room-mate, that he was very quiet, minded his own business, and was well liked by the rest of the crew.

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)  
DIO, 6ND (2)  
DCGIO, 6ND (4)  
File (1)

BOARDING OFFICER: I. R. TODD

APPROVED: HARVEY T. JOHNSON, JR.

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District CG Intelligence  
Officer, 6th NavDist.

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5. An interview with William A. CALVERT, Z-46155, A.B. aboard the S.S. "CAPE ALAVA" disclosed that he is identical with the person referred to in Paragraph (1). SUBJECT was born 25 September, 1916, at Toledo, Ohio, and lists his present address as 59 Clay Street, San Francisco, California. Since joining the Merchant Marine on 26 September, 1939, at San Francisco, California, SUBJECT has served on the following vessels.

- (c) SCALA, John Henry, born 19 December, 1897, at Cook
- (1) SS "WILLIAM CUSHING"; 190 pound (Liberty); eyes; brown
  - (2) SS "CAPE VICTORY" (Certificate of Identification C-1) on Z-523820,
  - (3) SS "MECHANICSVILLE" New York; CGIC (Tanker) 319718;
  - (4) SS "CAPE ANN" U. S. Passport dated (C-1) November, 1944
  - (5) SS "EIK BASIN" California. SUBJECT (Tanker) San Pedro,
  - (6) SS "CAPE ALAVA" (Liberty - "present assigned)

on 26 December, 1944, and was discharged at Balboa, California. SUBJECT stated that while aboard the SS "WILLIAM CUSHING" the Coast Guard Intelligence questioned him on the basis of his complaints about the food aboard ship, and also that he had an argument with the Chief Mate because of the Chief Mate's carelessness in firing a .38 Calibre revolver aboard ship while drunk. SUBJECT explained the argument with GIBERSON, Chief Mate of Subject vessel, as being over the interpretation of Union rules; that is, the Second Mate failed to call the crew at 0720, and when they were called at approximately 0750, issued GIBERSON refused to give them an hour for breakfast. CALVERT stated that other than this, he has been in no trouble aboard any vessel on which he has sailed. August, 1944, San Francisco California. SUBJECT sailed from Portland, Oregon, as

7. The following men, who signed on Subject vessel at Balboa, Canal Zone, were fingerprinted and interrogated. Forms Ncg-2515 and NavCg-2765 forwarded herewith. Signed on the SS "CAPE ALAVA" as "workaway" at Balboa, C.Z., on 22 March, 1945, and

- (a) MAHLER, William Henry, born 26 October, 1919 at Bryn Marr, Pennsylvania; 6'; 155 pounds; brown eyes; brown hair; issued Continuous Discharge Book, 221475

8. The following men, who signed on Subject vessel at Balboa, Canal Zone, were fingerprinted and interrogated. Forms Ncg-2515 and NavCg-2765 forwarded herewith. Signed on the SS "CAPE ALAVA" as "workaway" at Balboa, C.Z., on 22 March, 1945, and

- (a) Miami, Florida, to Cristobal, Canal Zone, on 28 December, 1944 to join the SS "CATAWBA FORD" as relief Chief Engineer. SUBJECT signed off the SS "CATAWBA FORD" at Cristobal, Canal Zone, on 15 March, 1945, and joined the SS "CAPE ALAVA" as "workaway" at Balboa, Canal Zone, on 22 March, 1945, arriving at the port of Savannah, Georgia, on 28 March, 1945. Discharge dated 19 October, 1944.

- (b) HIGGINS, Francis Venner, born 17 January, 1908 at Redbank, N.J.; 5'6"; 160 pounds; grey eyes; grey-black hair; issued Certificate of Identification, Z-219603, 16 May, 1944 at New York; CGIC, 031-464475; U.S. Passport, 67648. SUBJECT sailed from Philadelphia, Pa., as Steward, aboard the SS "CEDAR MOUNTAIN" on 10 October, 1944, and was discharged at Balboa, C.Z., on 15 March, 1945 for hospitalization. SUBJECT was



released from the hospital on 19 March, 1945, and joined the SS "CAPE ALAVA" as "workaway" on 22 March, 1945, arriving at the port of Savannah, Georgia, on 28 March, 1945. SUBJECT'S Maritime Documents bear Third Naval District Security Indorsement dated 31 August, 1944.

- (1) Name of vessel
- (2) Type (c) SCALA, John Henry, born 19 December, 1897, at Cook County, Illinois; 5'10"; 190 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair; issued Certificate of Identification Z-523820, 3 September, 1944 at New York; CGIC, 031-1619718;
- (3) Agent
- (4) Arrived with Hour application for U. S. Passport dated 27 November, 1944 San Francisco, California. SUBJECT departed San Pedro, California, as Utility, aboard the SS "FALLEN TIMBERS" on 26 December, 1944, and was discharged at Balboa, C.Z., on 9 March, 1945, for hospitalization. SUBJECT was released from the hospital on 19 March, 1945, and signed on the SS "CAPE ALAVA" as "workaway" at Balboa, C.Z., on 22 March, 1945. SUBJECT'S Maritime Documents bear Third Naval District Security Indorsement dated 13 November, 1944.
- (5) Last Port
- (6) Crew (No.)
- (7) Name of Radio Operator

- (8) Transmitter (d) HINKLE, Benjamin, born 8 September, 1918 at Portland, Oregon; 5'9"; 135 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair; issued Certificate of Identification Z-371824, 28 October, 1943 at San Francisco, California; CGIC, 12263247; application for U.S. Passport dated 31 August, 1944, San Francisco California. SUBJECT sailed from Portland, Oregon, as Pumpman, aboard the SS "ELMORRO" on 27 November, 1944, and was discharged at Balboa, C.Z., for hospitalization on 16 March, 1945. SUBJECT signed on the SS "CAPE ALAVA" as "workaway" at Balboa, C.Z., on 22 March, 1945, and arrived at the Port of Savannah, Georgia, on 28 March, 1945.
- (9) Signalling
- (10) Transmitter Type
- Manufacturer
- Freq. Calibration

8. The following aliens were fingerprinted and interrogated. Forms Ncg-2515 and NavCg-2765 forwarded herewith.

- (a) Why sealed JACOBSEN, Jorgen, Z-186074; CGIC, 12104550; Danish PP, 56-1944; A.B.; born 22 January, 1920, Denmark. How sealed Security Indorsement placed on Maritime Documents.
- (b) Seals MADORA, Anthony; Z-458217; CGIC 12109655; AR: 5983364; Boatswain; born 24 February, 1900, Newfoundland. (10) Transmitter Type 12th. NavDist Security Indorsement dated 19 October, 1944. Power

Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Freq. Calibration \_\_\_\_\_

Complied\* \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed \_\_\_\_\_

Why sealed \_\_\_\_\_

How sealed \_\_\_\_\_

Seals used \_\_\_\_\_

\* Complied with conditions stated in V.C.N.O. serial 300/020 17 July, 1943-Par 3.