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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINAMERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORTConfidentialConfidentialDATE BOARDED: 11-14-44 BOARDED AT: Chas., S.C. DATE OF REPORT: 11-14-44VESSEL: S/S CHARLES W. STILES NO. IN CREW: 43CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: _____ POSITIVE: (See Below) XXOPERATIONS IN PORT: LOADING, DEPERM, DEGAUSSE, ADJUST, AND BUNKERITINERARY: DEPARTING CHARLESTON, S. C. 14 NOVEMBER 1944 FOR P. G. VIA NORFOLK

1. The files of another government agency were checked with the following results:

KAHRS, Edward R., Jr. (Age: 19)
SUBJECT was included in the inbound crew list of the MS CAPE FAIRWEATHER, 10 August, 1943, as Messman, Z-332198. DESC: born in Georgia, 5'11", light complexion, brown hair, next of kin given as mother, A., Augusta, Georgia. A letter from a service man to a person in the U. S. was found in the mess hall aboard the CAPE FAIRWEATHER, and upon opening it was indicated that SUBJECT was to be the carrier of this letter. Letter revealed military information which was excisable.

2. KAHRS, Edward R., Jr., Z-332198, AB aboard S/S CHARLES W. STILES, is identical with SUBJECT of above information. KAHRS was interviewed and admitted that he took the letter from a serviceman, promising him that he would mail it on his return to the states. KAHRS was warned in accordance with CNO conf. ltr. serial #02694316, Ship Movement Information, Leakage of, 18 November, 1942. KAHRS' Seamen's Papers were endorsed for security this date.

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)
DIO, 6ND (2)
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