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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, MERCHANT MARINE PERSONNEL DIVISION

Subj: Summary of information received in the Intelligence Division

The following from Curacao and Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, dated 10 June, 1944, is forwarded for your information:

Curacao, N.W.I.

"A type of crew misconduct, new to this port, came to light when the U. S. Coast Guard was requested by the Master of the U. S. tanker SS JOHN D. ARCHBOLD to remove the Chief Cook, Saturnino MONTESINO, Z-173573, a Chilean, from the vessel. Montesino had manufactured liquor from peaches, apricots, and other supplies which he appropriated from the ship's stores. On a previous occasion he had threatened the ship's Steward with a knife. Montesino was removed from the vessel for return to the United States."

Aruba, N.W.I.

"Leonard FRITCHARD, Z-92353-DL, AB aboard the SS CHERRY VALLEY, was removed from that vessel on 8 June, 1944, by the U. S. Coast Guard. This action was requested by John H. ROSE, Master, with the consent of the American Vice-Consul, following a charge that subject had, on numerous occasions, become intoxicated and incapable of standing ship's watches. Fritchard is also suspected of having tampered with lifesaving equipment of the vessel. Subject is presently confined in the Camp Savaneta brig awaiting his return to the United States."

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