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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1942



HEADQUARTERS

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Subject: report until Alexander Vallarino, Chief Mate on Honduran CONTESSA; additional information concerning.

Reference: (a) Summary of information dated February 11, 1942, re subject.

Summary of Information:

The following additional report concerning subject is quoted for your information:

"I boarded the vessel at 1:15 P.M. and interviewed Mr. George McIntire, Purser. He stated that he and Mr. Louis Ory, Stewart, and several trusted members of the crew who had been instructed to watch the actions and make mental notes of the conversation of Vallarino, Chief Mate of the S.S. CONTESSA, during the trip from New Orleans and back, had made a careful observation of Vallarino at all times, particularly when he was on watch on the bridge during the entire trip, and that at no time was he seen flashing lights or smoking. They said that even though they attempted to draw him out in conversation, that he failed to express any unamerican sentiments.

"I expressed surprise to Mr. McIntire over this development and asked him did he know of any reason for this change in Vallarino. He said that before the ship left Officials of the National Maritime Union, where the complaint was made and which complaint was recorded in the minutes of a meeting of said union, contacted the Port Captain, Mr. E. E. B. Drake, at New Orleans who in turn contacted Captain of the S.S. CONTESSA, and had him warn the subject and insist that he abide by all the ship's regulations and rules. Therefore, it seems that Vallarino ceased his suspicious actions.

"In my report of January 20, 1942, I stated that the subject was Italian born and had never been naturalized. I checked this information at the Custom House, Immigration Department, after the ship sailed and the records disclosed that he had been naturalized and is now an American citizen. The information is shown on the crew list of the above vessel.

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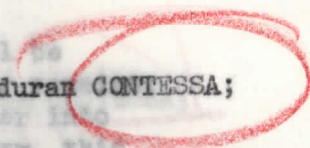


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"I learned from Mr. McIntire that this boat will be in port until February 18, 1942, as it is tied up for repairs. If this office deems it necessary, I shall go further into the investigation upon orders to that effect. However, this man's activities are being watched closely by Mr. McIntire and the above stated members of the crew, and I feel that if there is anything irregular or suspicious they will immediately report to us."

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