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SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER, 5th NAVAL DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

February 18, 1942

Subject: Panamanian 3 masted auxiliary schooner DANIEL GETSON.

Summary of Information

1. " SUBJECT Vessel carries 6-1000 gallon tanks of diesel oil under cargo deck directly under hatch amidships. Two 110 H.P. engines, using 150 gallons per hour in 24 hours would give subject vessel 40 days cruising, which a schooner doesn't need. Two experienced merchant marine officers, now in naval service, consider the construction suspicious.
2. SUBJECT Vessel, owned by Cowdrey and Company, 17 Battery Place, New York City, Agent Earl J. Smith, 246 West 73rd Street New York City, left Norfolk with 400 tons coal for Barbados February 15, 1942, earning \$3200 in freight.
3. SUBJECT Vessel is expected to be used in West Indies trade but has had a charter offer of \$3000 per month.
4. The non-descript crew is American except for the chief engineer Karl Lohrer, a Yugo-Slav who entered United States in 1927. SUBJECT Vessel is not suspect because of personnel. //

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Evaluation

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Information: Reliable