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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 10-12-44 BOARDED AT: Chas., S.C. DATE OF REPORT: 10-12-44

VESSEL: SS ERASTUS SMITH NO. IN CREW: 40

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

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Loading

ITINERARY: Arriving Charleston, S.C. 10-12-44 from New York City, N.Y.

1. Charles McLINTON, age 25, Honduran, listed on Intelligence Division Memorandum No. 82-44, Subj: Alien Seaman Deserters from Allied or Neutral Merchant Vessels, as deserter from U. S. Flag Vessel JAMES BOWIE.

2. Charles Coosy McLINTON, 2nd Cook and Baker, aboard ERASTUS SMITH is identical with above mentioned seaman.

3. Interview with McLINTON revealed that he was ill from 8-19-44 to 8-23-44. McLINTON produced a statement from Dr. Joel U. BOLDEN, 243 W. 138th St., New York City, New York, which read as follows:

"To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. McLINTON was ill and confined to his home from 8-19-44 to 8-23-44, inclusive. Diag: Acute Enteritis, Ac. Rt. Pleura.
/s/ Dr. J. Bolden"

4. McLINTON advised that he was under the impression that his ship was sailing on Sunday evening, 24 August 1944; that he reported to the pier at 0600 that morning and the ship had gone. McLINTON was ashore six days prior to signing aboard the SS TOBIAS E. STANBURG, from which he was discharged 6 September 1944. McLINTON signed aboard ERASTUS SMITH, 4 October 1944. While ashore in New York he resided at 519 W. 143rd St.

5. McLINTON has in his possession Certificate of Identification, Z-379486; Certificate of Service, E-448113; Honduranian Passport #4416, and Alien Registration Card #9747990. FBI and INS cognizant. Fingerprints forwarded to Headquarters.

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)
DIO, 6ND (2)
DCGIO, 6ND (1)
File (Chas.) (1)
INS (1)
DGGO, 3ND (1)

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