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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 30 Dec. 1944 BOARDED AT: Chas., S.C. DATE OF REPORT: 3 Jan. 1945

VESSEL: SS ETHELBERT NEVIN NO. IN CREW: _____

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

OPERATIONS IN PORT: In dock for discharge of ammunition.

ITINERARY: Med. (Via U.K.)

1. Check through files of this office disclosed the following:

- a. Ernest LOTTI: listed in current MMSL, a Communist suspect, expressed admiration for Axis powers and definitely critical of U.S. Born in Italy, 1888, naturalized, 1941. Denaturalization proceedings against SUBJECT dropped 6/5/43. When interviewed SUBJECT denied that his East Side Beer Parlor, 14 N. Market St., Chas., S.C. was a meeting place for Communists, that he had read a great deal about Russia and wanted no part of Russia, that he would rather be put in the penitentiary for life than be accused of being a Communist or having anything to do with them. SUBJECT stated that he has no relatives in Italy, and no relatives in armed forces of U.S. SUBJECT's seaman's papers were endorsed for security. Fingerprints attached.
- b. Gaetano SALBO, Jr.: listed in current MMSL, was charged with misconduct and assault with broken beer bottle, admitted divulging names of ships and destinations while drinking in taproom in Chas., S.C., but since interview with Naval personnel has been careful; reported to be a militant trade unionist, organizer and agitator for NMU; considered dangerous. SUBJECT is native-born American of Italian parents; born in Belmont, Mass., 16 Dec. 1916. When interviewed the SUBJECT stated that his fight occurred on his wedding night 4 years ago when two men accosted his bride (purportedly a prostitute employed at Charlie's Tavern, 93 Market St., Chas., S.C.) and when he repulsed the men he had to use a broken beer bottle to do it effectively. SUBJECT disavowed

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

normal file vessel jacket (2)

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