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Commandant  
United States Coast Guard  
80 Lafayette Street,  
New York, N Y

Subject: Communist Propaganda on board vessel

Dear Sirs:

While Discharging cargo at Leghorn, Italy December 18, 1950, I received reports that propaganda was being issued or was on board this vessel, these reports received from stevedores and the like I did not pay to much attention to, however when the Coast Guard Boarding Officer came on board at Naples, the following day I informed him of the fact and gave him a brief report of the facts.

I did not hear anything more of the above until we arrived at Fiume, Yugoslavia on December 27, 1950 after finish discharging of Mail about twenty (20) sacks had been as if slashed with a knife in some bags, contents were missing in others the contents had been scattered but none were missing, evidently sabotage but in all bags that were cut, there were leaflets in Yugo Slav saying according to man, who read it to me but whose English was not perfect, Quote We are drinking to our red brothers all over the world with wine we got from your packages. You go to hell unquote.

This Mail had been locked in steel cage since leaving New York, and cage had not be open in any port since so above, must have be done at New York.

Italian Mail which was stowed in the open hatch had not been touched.

I tried to get one of these leaflets which they had when they reported to me, but they said they would have to be sent to Belgrade and then forwarded officially to the United States Department in Washington.

I considered that all this was a matter of importance which is why I am reporting it to you.

Respectfully,

  
R. M. Hardy, Ch. Mate