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INTELLIGENCE DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 62-44

Subj: Control, documentation, and security intelligence interrogation
of officers and seamen on merchant vessels

The following information, received from another Government agency, is
forwarded for information and assistance in connection with the enforcement
of the subject program:

ANTONIO DE SOUZA, who was born at Brahyba, Brazil, on 15 February,
1909, bearer of passport #00423 and U.S.C.G. identification card
#635025, is reported to be an alien illegally in the United States.
He recently departed from New York aboard a vessel bound for the
United Kingdom, which vessel sailed before he could be interviewed.
A check of the files of a U. S. intelligence agency reveals that
on 10 August, 1942, DE SOUZA refused to turn to when his ship trans-
ited the Panama Canal. Together with three other firemen he was
confined to quarters by the transit guard and replaced by local labor.
All four of these individuals sailed with the SS FARIDA. Later, in
a 7-knot convoy, the FARIDA was erratic in speed, sometimes maintain-
ing her position and falling back at other times, which is reported
to have been undoubtedly due to the insubordination of these firemen
with consequent irregularity of steam pressure. On two occasions
the convoy slowed to 6 knots to allow the FARIDA to regain position.
The seriousness of countenancing such insubordination is obvious
inasmuch as this convoy was later attacked and three ships were lost.

RUDOLPH H. THELEN, who was born at Guttenberg, Sweden, on 20 July,
1924, and is the bearer of Swedish passport SA 1710 and U.S.C.G.
identification card #12124704, is reported to be illegally in the
United States. He recently sailed on a vessel bound for the United
Kingdom before he could be interviewed. A check of the files of a
U. S. intelligence agency reveals he is an agitator who endeavors
to have people stop work. The master of the SS ASTINWELL reports
THELEN as mentally unbalanced. On 20 January, 1944, he was charged
with being absent without leave from the SS WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

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