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Summary of Information

2 June 1951

Headquarters, 8th District, 441st CIC Detachment, APO 503

S/I/ D8-1338(5d)

Subject:

ALLEGED AGITATION ABOARD USNS GENERAL E. T. COLLINS

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.

On 31 May 1951, it was reported that Hatfield, Norris F., Jr., Z-837243, AB Deck Maintenance Department, USNS General E. T. Collins, Navy transport, is attempting to agitate aboard that vessel. According to the source, Hatfield, an intelligent individual, claims to be a college graduate and is continuously creating scenes, especially in the Stewards Department. During the voyage from the United States to Japan in May 1951, Hatfield roused the source from bed at 2300 hours one evening and demanded that he be served coffee and given other privileges beyond his position. When his request was refused Hatfield declared that the seamen should agitate more so that they would receive their demands. The source told Hatfield he was talking like a "red" and Hatfield left the impression that the accusation was true. Hatfield further stated that he was not interested in the government unions since their contract had the anti-strike clause, and remarked that he was a supporter of the more radical unions. Hatfield claims to be a sailor of nine years standing, five with the Navy during the last war and 4 with the Merchant Marine (B-3)

Records aboard ship disclosed the following information concerning Hatfield:

Social Security Number.	561-24-7877
Job Title	Deck Maintenance
Race	Caucasian
Born	21 October 1925
Height	6' - 4"
Weight	185
Home Address and Next of Kin.	Norris F. Hatfield Sr. 3935 Elston Oakland, California

Hatfield is sailing on one year's probation pending loyalty clearance that was initiated 9 May 1951.

SOURCE

McDuffie, Dewitt, Chief Steward USNS Gen. Collins,
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