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DATE BOARDED: 5-13-45 BOARDED AT: Sav., Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 5-14-45
 VESSEL: SS "ISRAEL PUTNAM" NO. IN CREW: 42
 CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: XXXX POSITIVE: (See Below) XXX
 OPERATIONS IN PORT: LOADING CARGO

ITINERARY: Subject vessel departed Savannah, Georgia at 1018,
13 May, 1945 enroute to French Atlantic.

1. FARMER, Howard James, Z-92032, Second Mate aboard Subject vessel is listed on MMSL, 1 September, 1944 as being a former member of the Communist Party.
2. FARMER, upon being interviewed, stated he never joined the Communist Party, but was a sympathizer during the depression from 1934 to 1938, but has had no affiliation with the Communist Party since that time. SUBJECT stated he had been a member of the NMU dropping out in 1938; Seafarers International Union, dropping out in June, 1943; and is now a member of the Master, Mates and Pilots Local #4, Mobile, Alabama. FARMER is registered at Local Draft Board #1, Atlanta, Georgia and is classified 1-A-H.
3. FARMER denied having sailed aboard the SS "JAMES GUNN", but stated he served as A.B. aboard the SS "CORNELLIA" in the summer of 1942, signing off at Pensacola, Florida. SUBJECT's last vessel was the M/S "NEW ORLEANS" which he signed aboard as Third Mate at New Orleans, Louisiana, in September, 1944 and signed off at New York in November, 1944. SUBJECT signed foreign articles aboard Subject vessel on 26 April, 1945.
4. FARMER, born 19 December, 1904, Norcross, Georgia; 5'5½"; 125 pounds; grey eyes; brown hair; holds Certification of Identification Z-92032-D1; CGIC, 08155957, issued 17 February, 1943 at New Orleans, La.; U.S. Passport, 169875 issued 14 January,

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(1)BOARDING OFFICER: J. R. Todd

APPROVED: _____

HARVEY F. JOHNSON, JR.,
District CG Intelligence
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1944, and lists his present address as 733 Washington St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia. SUBJECT's Duplicate Certificate of Identification, which was issued at Savannah, Georgia, on 2 May, 1945 was Indorsed for Security. Forms 2515 and 2765 are forwarded.

5. The following alien was interrogated, and his Maritime Documents found to be previously Indorsed for Security as follows:

14 MELLIS, Georgis, Z-551903; CGIC, 082-81745; AR:9663921; Greek PP, 8734; Second Assistant Engineer; born 17 January, 1911, Greece. Fifth Naval District Security Indorsement dated 11 October, 1944.

Subj: SS "ISRAEL PUTNAM"; crew member's desertion of.

1. AMERSON, Leroy, Z-446827; Messman; age 20; 5'6"; U.S.A.; deserted Subject vessel at the port of Savannah, Georgia on 7th or 8th of May, 1945.

Edward R. Memler
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