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## MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 9-3-44 BOARDED AT: Sav., Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 9-5-44.
VESSEL: S/S "JAMES SWAN" #720 NO. IN CREW: 43
CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSITIVE: (See Below) XXX
OPERATIONS IN PORT: Loading.
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ITINERARY: Vessel departed Savannah, Georgia, at 1010, 5 September,
1944; enroute to United Kingdom, via Charleston, S. C., and New York, N. Y.
1. Crew list was checked through the files of the DIO, 6ND, with the following results:
Harry L. Rogers, Z-102461, because of super habitual drunk- ardness, known to have been drunk while on duty, and in 1942 listed as undesirable seaman of Porto Rico Mercantile Co.
William James Morris, Z-102697, in 1943 declared as a de- serter from his ship.
William J. Conners, Z-196887-Dl, in 1943 guilty of gross nog- ligence by going to sleep on watch, causing damage to ship's boiler.
Jeff M. Skinner, Z-112638; a master in 1942 deemed Skinner mentally deficient and lacking in power of concentration, inimical to safety of vessel while at sea, because of inability to stand watches, and Skinner drinks super heavily while in port.
2. Ship's Master, Mr. F. X. Beythen of South Atlantic Steamship Co., and It. Comdr. G. J. Brill, Merchant Marine Inspector, were notified of the above information. The above mentioned men were not removed from vessel.
3. No aliens aboard.
DISSEMINATION: CIO  DIO, 6ND  DCGIO, 6ND  CIO  BOARDING OFFICER:  APPROVED:  APPROVED:  HARVEY E JOHNSON IR
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