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## 6 December, 1944 CONFIDENTIAL AIR MAIL

To: The Commandant, CG Headquarters (INT)

Subj: SS JEFFERSON DAVIS; security clearance of crew members

1. The following listed alien merchant seamen signed on the Subject vessel on 2 December, 1944 for a foreign voyage.

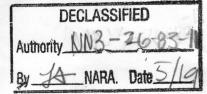
Boon Kook Hin	Z#382061	
Teo Keng Kit	Z#431758	
Tan Kin Fun	Z#382080	
Abe Salinsky	Z#139892	
Gustav Sjoo	Z#423969	
Charles Wright	Z#486051	

2. The aforementioned alien seamen have been screened through the local State and Federal agencies and no derogatory information was revealed except in the following instances:

Abe Salinsky:

DIO 13ND

"Abraham SALINSKY, alias Abe SALINSKY, alias Joe SALINSKY, who is probably identical with 12ND Card 1/1/43, is serving in Charleston as Dispatcher for the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION and as an assistant to 6ND Card on Eugene Earl WILLIAMS, MMU Port Agent and a prominent Communist suspect, who is also assisted by Larry John LARSEN, NMU Port Patrolman and suspected Communist. SUBJECT reportedly is responsible for the supervision of the local NMU Hall and, according to Subref (b) (Eugene Earl Williams card) has changed the Hall ... from a hole in the wall to a place where the seamen are proud to take it easy ... and has taken a keen interest in explaining the policies of the Union to the new men coming into the hall', providing them with ' ... copies of the constitution and the agreement, a manila envelope full of pamphlets ... and a bundle of PILOTS to be given to the ship's delegate .. ! Subject is included in MMSL, 2/1/4,, as a CP Suspect. Associated CP members. 1 12ND card on Subject discloses that in 1941 Subject earned reputation as a Communist fellow traveler and associate of Community Party members.



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'Subject reportedly has served as MMU business agent at San Pedro, Calif. where he associated with known Communists. Same identifying information as above."

Charles Wright: DIO, 13ND "One Charles Wright of 1818 Lawndale Ave., Detroit, Mich., 2nd Steward ("Z" Cert. 67025) on SS DORCHESTER, was taken off that vessel on 3/4/42 by DIO 3MD. Following extensive interview, this office (3ND) is keeping subject ashore until such time as he is cleared by further investigation.

One Charles Wright, 7204 Calmus Ave., Woodside, L.I., was inducted into US Army 10/23/42. Subject previously had signed statement that his true name is Karl Rittich, that he was born 4/11/02 at Rega Latvia, that in 1923 he jumped ship and assumed name Karl WRIGHT. That in 1936 or 37 he obtained seaman's papers by submitting false birth certificate which a lawyer had obtained for him."

It is requested that the alien merchant seamen listed in para-3. graph #2 be screened through Headquarters and other National Security files and the results forwarded to this office.

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