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Boarding Report: SS JOHN Post Office Box 147
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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 9-5-45 BOARDED AT: Jax. Fla. DATE OF REPORT: 9-6-45

VESSEL: SS JOHN LAWSON NO. IN CREW: 57

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSITIVE: (See Below)

OPERATIONS IN PORT: CONVERSION

ITINERARY: ARRIVED JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1945, FROM
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

1. Crew list was checked through the files of this office with negative results.
2. The following aliens had Merchant Marine Documents endorsed as indicated:

MAHMOUD, Mohamed A. Gani.....	3ND
KRONBERGS, Pavils.....	3ND
ZEITS, Karl V.....	3ND
HOSPEDALES, Clement.....	3ND
SMET, Frans D.....	3ND

3. Charles E. THORN, 51, Utility aboard the SS LAWSON, is a repatriated American citizen. THORN was born in Duquoin, Illinois, on 6 January, 1894, and up until 1938 had been employed in Duquoin as a motor mechanic. In 1938, SUBJECT man maintains that he left this country in order to visit with some relatives in Warsaw, Poland. THORN stated that the "War got me in Warsaw, Poland, in September, 1939," and that he was arrested by the invading Germans on 28 October, 1941, and put in a "Heavy Labor Prison" in Cracow, Poland. SUBJECT man stated that he was kept in this prison until 26 July, 1944, at which time he escaped from the prison and "hid out with a Polish farmer in Cracow until January, 1945, when the Russians came in." THORN stated that after the Russians had gained control of Poland, he was permitted

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BOARDING OFFICER: *[Signature]*

APPROVED: *[Signature]*

HARVEY F. JOHNSON, JR.,
District CG Intelligence
Officer, 6th NavDist.

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to make his way through Odessa, Russia, on down to Naples, Italy; and that he arrived in Naples on 25 March, 1945. SUBJECT man was interviewed by the American authorities in Naples, was given a temporary U. S. Passport (good for one trip to this country), and was instructed to sign on the SS LAWSON on 15 August, 1945 at Naples.

4. Forms 2515 and 2765 are attached herewith.