

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Boarding Report: ~~SS~~ CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

9 February, 1945

MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

Confidential SUBJECT was issued United States Seaman's Passport of Confidential
 August, 1943, which date is subsequent to the pro-Hitler report
 DATE BOARDED: 6 Feb. 1945 BOARDED AT: Jax. Fla. DATE OF REPORT: 9 Feb. 1945

VESSEL: FSS JOHN MILLER and NAVCG 355 NO. IN CREW: 424 hereto.CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: _____ POSITIVE: (See Below) XOPERATIONS IN PORT: LOADING

ITINERARY: DEPARTED JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 7 FEBRUARY, 1945
FOR UNITED KINGDOM VIA NEW YORK.

1. Merchant Marine Suspect Files in the Sixth Naval District contained the following information regarding Walter RECKE, the correct spelling of which name is RECKE:

MERCHANT MARINE SUSPECT LIST 1 SEPTEMBER, 1944, 32 YRS.
 5'7", 170 LBS. BLACK HAIR, BLUE GRAY EYES, SWARTHY COMP.
 FULL FACE. BORN GERMANY, NATURALIZED U. S. CITIZEN.
 SS KUNGSHOLM (SWEDISH) AUGUST, 1941. REPORTED OCTOBER,
 1941 TO BE FORMERLY IN GERMAN ARMY. PRO-HITLER.

2. RECKE was born in Frankfort, Germany, 27 July, 1909, and he has derivative citizenship from his mother Mrs. Fred (Hattie RECKE) KARCH, and he arrived in the United States on 26 December, 1924. RECKE has United States Seaman's Passport No. 121753, issued 5 August, 1943; Captain of the Port Identification Card No. 031803120 and Z Certificate No. 70239. RECKE maintains that he never served in the German Army, as he was 15 years of age upon his arrival in the United States in 1924, and since that date he has never returned to Germany. RECKE has been employed as a diningroom steward aboard Swedish-American Line ships as well as American Merchant Marine vessels. RECKE denies ever having had any pro-Axis affiliations or sympathies. RECKE is married and his wife, Hattie (SCHMITZ) RECKE, resides in Apartment 2-C at 160 Vermilyea Avenue, New York City.

3. RECKE was granted Security Clearance and his Z paper was endorsed by the Jacksonville Branch Intelligence Office in view of the fact

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BOARDING OFFICER: *Harvey F. Johnson, Jr.*

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

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that SUBJECT was issued United States Seaman's Passport on 5 August, 1943, which date is subsequent to the pro-Hitler report on the SUBJECT dated October, 1941.

4. Forms NAVCG 2515 and NAVCG 2765 are attached hereto.