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EXCERPT FROM BOARDING REPORT WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE COAST
GUARD.

SOURCE: 3ND Boarding Report, SS JOHN STEVENS (U.S.), 1/28/43.

"It was stated that at Antofagasta, Chile a practice existed of stealing seamen's identification papers from crew members who got extremely drunk while ashore. Whereas it was indicated that this had happened to one member on the subject vessel, no one could identify the seaman in question. However, it was stated that this was not unusual in Antofagasta and that the practice was to sell the papers back to the seamen for a good substantial sum.

So far as any of the officers interviewed knew, there had been no instances where papers had been stolen for use by the enemy in equipping their agents so that they could be planted in the American Merchant Marine."

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