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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 4-13-45 BOARDED AT: Sav., Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 4-16-45

VESSEL: SS "JOHN W. GARRETT" NO. IN CREW: 41

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSITIVE: (See Below) XX

OPERATIONS IN PORT: DISCHARGING AND LOADING CARGO

ITINERARY: Vessel arrived Savannah, Georgia, 1235, 13 April, 1945
from Mediterranean Area.

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Crew list was checked through the files of this office with the following results:

1. (a) BLACK, Harry, alias SCHWARTZ, Harry; Reference: ONI card, same Subject, 21 February, 1945. "SUBJECT, wiper aboard the SS "JAMES McHENRY" in December, 1944 is reported to be a member of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party, holding membership book # 31592; to be otherwise inactive in the party. Description: Born 11 October, 1917, at London, England, (nat.); 5'4"; 145 lbs; brown hair; brown eyes; dark complexion."

(b) Investigation of SUBJECT revealed that he was inducted into the U.S. Army on 20 February, 1943 and was honorably discharged at Goneman Island, New York, on 15 December, 1943, to return to sea as a merchant seaman. The SUBJECT has been going to sea since 1936.

(c) The SUBJECT entered this country at New York City on 26 May, 1941, and was naturalized 28 August, 1943 at the U.S. District Court, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. SUBJECT's name was legally changed from HARRY SCHWARTZ to HARRY BLACK in London, England, in 1938.

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)
DIO, 6ND (2)
DCGIO, 6ND (1)
File (1)

BOARDING OFFICER: Edward R. Menler

APPROVED: *[Signature]*
HARRY F. JOHNSON, JR.
Dis. Int. CG Intelligence
Officer, 6th NavDist.

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(d) The SUBJECT advised that he signed on the SS "JAMES McHENRY" on 5 October, 1944 as a wiper, and signed off on 28 December, 1944, and was not involved in any kind of trouble while aboard that ship; that he is a member of the Seaman's Branch of the Communist Party, located in New York City; and that he has represented his union aboard various ships as an "elected delegate". No derogatory information regarding the SUBJECT was obtained from any of the officers on the SS "JOHN W. GARRETT". Forms 2515 and 2765 are forwarded herewith. on 19 October, 1944.

2. (a) GARCIA, Francisco; Reference (A) MMSL, 1 September, 1944. "Master, SS "ICIAR" (Spanish). Formerly Master on above named ship, then radio operator. Reportedly known Falange agent. Suspected of gathering data on U.S. Harbors for use by subversive groups." ✓

(b) Francisco Leon GARCIA, born 4 October, 1903, in Spain, arrived this port aboard the SS "JOHN W. GARRETT" on 13 April, 1945. SUBJECT has Certificate of Identification Z-290302, issued at New York on 28 September, 1942; Coast Guard Identification Card #652764 issued at New York on 28 September, 1942. AR: 9666227; Spanish PP, 844 issued 22 September, 1943 at New York; SS# 128-14-4422. The SUBJECT was found not to be identical with the above, and a Security Indorsement was placed on his Maritime Documents. Forms 2515 and 2765 are forwarded herewith.

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3. The following aliens aboard the SS "JOHN W. GARRETT" were fingerprinted and interrogated:

(a) Awnllah, Said M., Z-436235, CGIC, 0311345940; Free French PP, dated 8 April, 1944; AR: 9517975; wiper; born 4 September, 1912 in French Somaliland. ✓

(b) PASTOR, Angel Pompeyo, Z-436799; CGIC, A-08021217; Republic of Honduras PP, 3005, dated December, 1943; AR: 9624093; oiler; born 11 October, 1923 in Republic of Honduras. ✓

(c) A Security Indorsement was placed on the above seamen's Maritime Documents, and forms 2515 and 2765 are forwarded herewith.

4. The following aliens aboard the SS "JOHN W. GARRETT" were checked through the files of this office with negative results, and their Maritime Documents found to be previously indorsed for security as follows:

- (a) CHING, Chao Toh, Z-530777; AR: 5974629; born 16 October, 1918 in China; O.S.; Security Indorsement placed on Maritime Documents by 3ND on 23 October, 1944.
- (b) CHANN, Lee Quan, Z-530630; AR: 5974637; Born 21 May, 1916, China; O.S. Security Indorsement placed on Maritime Documents by 3rd ND on 18 October, 1944.
- (c) SALEH, George, Z-521154; born 1 February, 1911, Arabia; F/WT; Security Indorsement placed on Maritime Documents by 3ND on 19 October, 1944.