

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 10-2-44 BOARDED AT: Sav. Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 10-2-44

VESSEL: S/S "JONAS LIE" NO. IN CREW: 41

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSITIVE: (See Below)

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Loading

ITINERARY: To depart 4 October, 1944 for U.K. via Charleston, S.C. South Carolina and Delaware Bay.

Subject: William G. KOHN, 2nd. Ass't. Engineer aboard S/S "JONAS LIE".

1. SUBJECT was checked through the files of another Government Agency with the following results:

"William G. KOHN, oiler, on S.S. "JOHN FITCH", is American citizen of German extraction, 31 years of age. Various Informants aboard above vessel state SUBJECT made statements to general effect that the U. S. should let Germans and Japs win this war, as the U. S. had too long been uppermost throughout the world and made a poor job of it, and should now step down and let some more qualified Nation take over; that the Germans were the world's greatest strategists and could not be beaten; that he would like to sink the ship which would be one of his greatest pleasures. SUBJECT tried on several occasions to hamper the general operation of the ship; called the Armed Guard Seaman a sucker for being in U. S. Navy when he could make more in Merchant Marine."

2. Investigation revealed that SUBJECT was born 3; August, 1912 at Dausman, Wisconsin, the son of Freda BONETZ, and Karl Herman

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

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