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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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		NO. IN CREW: 50	
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ITINERARY:		avannah, Georgia, at 1815, 29 December,	
	SUBJECT	: Miguel MANUEL, Fireman aboard the S.S. "KEGUMS. Born 17 July, 1898 at Lisbon Portugal. Ht: 5'2". Wt: 134	

1. SUBJECT was checked through the files of this office with the following results:

"Miguel MANUEL, fireman, deserted the Portuguese vessel S.S." SETE-CIDADES" prior to her departure from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 25 June, 1944."

Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown

AR: 9329353 - S.S. #073-22-2585.

2. Investigation revealed that SUBJECT deserted the S.S. "SETE-CIDADES" about the 19th of June, 1944, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and immediately departed for New York City via train. About the 25th of June, 1944, the SUBJECT applied to the War Shipping Administration, New York City, for a fireman's berth, and was immediately sent by that Agency to Boston, Mass., where he signed on the Panamanian vessel, S.S. "ROCHA" on 5 July, 1944. (Standard Fruit and Steamship Co.) The SUBJECT was discharged from this vessel at Norfolk, Virginia, on 4 August, 1944, with a conduct mark of "excellent". SUBJECT then signed on the Panamanian vessel S.S. "HINDOO" at New York City on 26 August, 1944. This vessel was sunk at Balbo, Panama, on 9 September, 1944, as a result of a

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collision with the British vessel, S.S. "AUSTRALIAN STAR". The SUBJECT was returned to New York City via Commercial plane and train. The SUBJECT then signed on his present vessel, S.S. "KEGUMS", at New York City on 26 September, 1944.

- 3. The SUBJECT stated that he deserted the S.S. "SETE-CIDADES" due to the low scale of wages that were paid the crew members.
- 4. All of SUBJECT'S Panamanian Maritime Documents were lost aboard the S.S. "HINDOO", due to the sinking of same.
- 5. The SUBJECT was issued a Coast Guard Captain of the Port Identification Card on 30 December, 1944, at Savannah, Georgia.
- 6. The local Immigration Authorities, Savannah, Georgia, were made cognizant of SUBJECT'S arrival at the Port of Savannah, Georgia, on 30 December, 1944.
- 7. SUBJECT'S photograph and fingerprints are submitted herewith.

