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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 6 March, 1945 BOARDED AT: Jax. Fla. DATE OF REPORT: 7 March, 1945

VESSEL: SS KING S. WOOLSEY NO. IN CREW: 43

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

OPERATIONS IN PORT: LOADING AND REPAIRING

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NW 3-26-83-16  
By AB NARA Date 6/7/17

ITINERARY: ARRIVED JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 6 MARCH, 1945, FROM  
MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

1. Merchant Marine Suspect Files in the Sixth Naval District, contained the following information regarding Ernest BACCARI:

MERCHANT MARINE SUSPECT LIST 1 SEPTEMBER, 1944, CDB#188219, T-1-293, 5' 6 1/2", BR. EYES, BLK, HR., DK. COMP., BORN 5 MAY, 1908, CANADA, NAT'D., RADIO OPR., SS CITY OF DETROIT, SEPT., 1943. VARIOUSLY REPORTED AS A "RABID AND DANGEROUS" COMMUNIST AND AS A FASCIST WHO OPPOSED CONSCRIPTION, LEND LEASE AND TO HAVE SAID HE "WOULD NEVER FIGHT AGAINST HIS OWN BLOOD," (i.e. ITALY).

2. BACCARI was born in Port Arthur, Canada, 5 May, 1908, has been in the vicinity of Sault St. Marie, Michigan, with his family since he was one year of age, and he has derivative citizenship from his father, who was naturalized in the Summer of 1921 at Sault St. Marie, Michigan. From 1935 to 1944 during the shipping season in the Great Lakes Area, May to October, BACCARI has been employed as a radio operator by the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company, 210 Wayne Street, Detroit, Michigan. BACCARI has worked aboard all the ships operated by this company but most of his time was spent aboard the SS CITY OF DETROIT. BACCARI is registered with Draft Board No. 17, New York City, N. Y., No. 936, and on 18 October, 1944, he was classified 2-B. BACCARI maintains his draft board is cognizant of his present employment situation. BACCARI has COTP card issued Detroit, Michigan, 21 April, 1942, No. 09313234. BACCARI maintains that he is not a Com-

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File (1)

BOARDING OFFICER: J. S. Harrison, Jr.  
APPROVED: Harvey F. Johnson, Jr.

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

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munist and he has always been anti-Fascist against Spain and Italy. BACCARI states that he is one hundred per cent American and he was never a member of any Communist or Fascist organizations, but believes in the American principles of government. BACCARI maintains he was never opposed to conscription, and had he been inducted into the Army prior to the Italian cessation of hostilities he would have fought against the Italians as well as any other enemy of the United States. BACCARI stated that he shipped foreign during the winter season of 1944 and 1945, and is signing off this ship in order to resume working for the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company in the Spring of 1945. BACCARI is leaving Jacksonville, Florida, and returning to his parents home at 711 Brown Street, Sault St. Marie, Michigan, where he will be when not actually working for the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company.

3. Captain Gale D. WHEELER, Master of the SS KING S. WOOLSEY, stated that BACCARI'S conduct was satisfactory in every respect and he believes him to be loyal to American principles.
4. BACCARI'S Continuous Discharge Book was endorsed for security by the Jacksonville Branch Intelligence Office.
5. Aboard this ship as a "Workaway" was Stanley FORTUNE, Z-8898, who returned to the Continental United States after his Z certificate was taken from him in a war area under the following order of Joseph T. KINNY, Lieutenant (jg), USCGR, Hearing Officer.

"That the Certificate of Service E-477318 and all other valid licenses or certificates held by you be and the same are hereby suspended for a period beginning with the date of your first arrival in the Continental United States and ending six months after the date on which you report your arrival to the U. S. Coast Guard. This order includes making effective the one month suspension previously ordered on 29 January, 1945, but with probation granted therefore."

/s/ Joseph T. KINNY  
Lt. (jg) USCGR  
Hearing Officer

6. Merchant Marine Inspection Office, Jacksonville, Florida, cognizant in FORTUNE case.

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