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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 8 August, 1945 BOARDED AT: Chas., S.C. DATE OF REPORT: 10 August, 1945

VESSEL: SS "LINCOLN STEFFENS" NO. IN CREW: 60

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSTIVE: (See Below) XXX

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Discharge

ITINERARY: Arrived Charleston, S. C., from France, 6 August, 1945.

1. The crew list was checked through the files of this office and revealed the following information:

✓ "MC QUIRE, Errin W., Z-293467, born 4 August, 1923, Las Vega, New Mexico, A.B. Seaman, SS "ELISHA MITCHELL", brown eyes, brown hair, light complexion. SUBJECT'S wallet contained two swastikas. Reported November, 1943, to have attended Communist meetings in Durban. Reported to know a great deal about ship movements." The aforementioned is found in the Merchant Marine Suspect List, 1 September, 1944.

✓ MC QUIRE, Errin W., Z-293467-D1, 3rd Mate, aboard subject vessel is identical with subject of above information. McQUIRE produced his Certificate of Identification which has been previously endorsed for Security on 24 October, 1944, in 5ND. McQUIRE advised during the interrogation that he had been questioned in Norfolk, Va., New York City, N. Y., and Newport News, Va. McQUIRE stated that the swastikas found in his possession were souvenirs; that he had never attended any Communist meetings but that he had attended a concert in Durban which was sponsored for "Russion War Relief". McQUIRE further stated that he attended these concerts because of his love for good music and for no other reasons. Captain Ezra P. TOMPKINS, Master of the SS "LINCOLN STEFFIN", advised that, in his opinion, McQUIRE was not a communist, and that he was a "darn good officer".

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

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2. The following aliens were found to be previously endorsed as indicated:

ZAVALA, Oscar C., A.B., Z-521634, endorsed in 3ND, 7-27-44
REYES, Wilfrido B., O. S., Z-579953, endorsed in 3ND, 3-22-45
GOMEZ, Gustaf, Deck Engr., Z-343423, endorsed in 3ND, 2-21-45
CORREA, Domicue, FWT, Z-621433, endorsed in 3ND, 12-27-44
FORD, Edward, Utility, Z-588044, endorsed in 3ND, 5-10-45

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By [Signature] NARA. Date 6/14/17