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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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VESSEL: SS LYMAN HALL MASTER: T.F. Shea
 FLAG: U. S. OWNER: W. S. A.
 GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE: 7,176 OPERATOR: South Atlantic S.S. Co.
 CARGO: General AGENT: Lambert Bros.
 BOARDED AT: Hull, England NO. IN CREW: 42
 DATE BOARDED: 9 January 1944 NO. OF PASSENGERS: None

<u>PORT</u>	<u>(ITINERARY.)</u>	<u>ARRIVED</u>	<u>DEPARTED</u>
New York			11-19-43
Loch Ewe			
Methil			
Hull		12-7-43	1-8-44

ENCLOSURES: None

The Chief Engineer of subject vessel, John M. Healy, Z-242068, reported that the second assistant engineer, Robert Chalmers, Z-85587, had openly expressed views which were not believed by Healy to be patriotic. He believed Chalmers to be a Communist, and reported that Chalmers had stated he had attended Communist meetings in Philadelphia. The only instances which Healy could recall to substantiate his accusations other than the above were first, that while discussing the war, Chalmers had stated, "I thought the Capitalistic Government of the United States would fall this time". Healy was unable to clarify Chalmers meaning in making this statement. Secondly, Healy reported that Chalmers had said that the principle of communism is to give a home to everybody.

The third assistant engineer, Raymond E. McPhail, Z-389901, stated he had heard Chalmers say that he did not believe in democracy nor the capitalistic system, but that he did believe in socialism. McPhail further stated that on the day Chalmers reported aboard subject vessel in New York which was seven days prior to sailing, Chalmers had said that he had chosen subject vessel to sail on since she was going to the United Kingdom. He further stated that he only signed on ships going to England so that he could see a girl in Liverpool whom he intended to marry.

In casual conversation with the boarding officer, Chalmers stated that in New York, prior to signing on the vessel, he had nearly been

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picked up several times by guards because of his inquisitiveness concerning the cargo being loaded aboard ships and that it was in this manner that he ascertained the destination of various vessels. He further stated that his only reason for ascertaining a ship's destination was to return to England to see his girl.

A mail intercept sent by Robert Chalmers with the return address of 256 East Durard Rd., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Miss Teresa Gillespie, 23 Seaview Avenue, Liscard, Ballasey, revealed that Chalmers wished to marry Miss Gillespie after the war and that upon his instant return to the United States, he would see what technicalities would have to be gone through for her to gain entrance.

The above information was obtained one hour prior to the ship's sailing. Consequently no action was taken by this office. Chalmers was not aware of any investigation concerning himself.

Local British authorities cognizant.

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BOARDING OFFICER:

Stephen Stone
Stephen Stone, Jr.,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

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