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Subj: SS "MARK KEPPEL" *File*

- Encls:
- (A) Memo from DIO-6ND to DCGIO, 6ND, same Subj. dated 23 Nov.1943, Serial No. 0169125(conf.)
 - (B) DIO-6ND memo to OIC-Z-2, same subj. dated 22 November 1943,(conf.)
 - (C) Zone 2 memo., same subj. dated 23 Nov.1943, Serial C-0161056,(conf.)

1. Enclosures (A), (B), and (C) are forwarded herewith for your information.

By direction of the DCGO, 6ND.

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Description: Born at White Plains, New York; 5'8"; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, gray; next of kin given as mother, Mrs. E. SCHMITE, 2426 Matthews MEMORANDUM. New York. Subject's San Francisco address was 59 Clay St., (Seaman's Union). Information (having "A") reports that when subject went to the Bureau of From: IN DIO-6ND. and Gardner for San Francisco, Calif., on 2-3-42 to request his To: man's OIC, Zone 2. he spoke loudly about part having gone into port on the SS LURLINE; and that he made open statements concerning movements of the ship and Subj: SS "MARK KEPPEL" the distance at which planes picked up the incoming Encl: (A) Crew List of SUBJECT Vessel. A review of subject's papers revealed certain discrepancies, and these Encl: (A) Crew List of SUBJECT Vessel. man accent, led informant to suspect him. Examination of subject's various discharges revealed that he has used the

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

2. Check of SUBJECT crew list through files at DIO reveals the following: Files contain 6ND card dated 10-23-43, Subj: EUGSTER, Julian, age 29, 5'9", Z-189548, AB SS KATRINA LUCKENBACH, born New York. Trouble-maker, frequently impersonated a Navy enlisted man, described as a psychopathic case.

Also an ONI card dated 2-20-43, Subj: EUGSTER, Julian. Subject, AB, aboard the SS KATRINA LUCKENBACH, is alleged to have broken into the ready arms locker belonging to the US Navy aboard the above ship and stole one .45 caliber pistol, which was later turned over to the US Consul at Capetown. EUGSTER claimed he took the gun with the intention of using it to kill one Felipe GARCIA, Bos'n aboard the KATRINA LUCKENBACH, against whom there was much bitter feeling by crew members. (GARCIA was later removed from the ship). Subject is also reported to impersonate frequently a US Navy enlisted man by going ashore dressed as such. On 1-2-43, subject and GARCIA engaged in a combat with knives on the deck of the ship, but their quarrel was stopped by the Master. Subject is described as a psychopathic case, a type likely to promote trouble at any opportunity. EUGSTER, was finally removed from the KATRINA LUCKENBACH and placed in protective custody of the Navy to await repatriation to the US. The vessel carried valuable cargo and was delayed four days because of trouble created by the crew members. Subject holds Z-189548; born New York; age, 29; 5'9" tall; next of kin, mother, Hedwig, 4737 Mathilde Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Also a 12ND card dated 3-26-42, Subj: EUGSTER, Julian, alias ENGSTER, F. J.; VON ENGSTER, F. J.; ENGSTER, Julius; ENGSTER, Julian; ENGSTER, J.; EUGSTER, F. J. Subject was included in outbound crew list of SS LURLINE, 3-10-42, as AB Seaman, Z-189548; AB Certificate 192593; Certificate of Service E-207857.

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22 November 1943

Subj: SS "MARK KEPPEL"

Description: Born at White Plains, New York; 5'8"; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, gray; next of kin given as mother, Mrs. H. SCHMITZ, 2428 Matthews Ave., Bronx, New York. Subject's San Francisco address was 59 Clay St., (Seaman's Union). Information (Rating "A") reports that when subject went to the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Service in San Francisco, Calif., on 2-3-42 to request his Seaman's Certificate, he spoke loudly about just having come into port on the SS LURLINE; and that he made open statements concerning movements of the ship and convoying of vessels and the distance at which planes picked up the incoming convoy. A review of subject's papers revealed certain discrepancies, and these discrepancies, together with subject's German accent, led informant to suspect him. Examination of subject's various discharges revealed that he has used the aliases noted above. The findings contained in reference (a), subject vessel was reboarded and it was determined that EUGSTER, Julian, and HART, Joseph Crew list shows Joseph T. HART, 3rd Asst. Eng., age 30. The Master Files contain 3ND card dated 7-8-42, Subj: HART, Joseph T., an O Mother: KOSCIUSKO St., Bklyn, N. Y. Subject, 3rd Refrig. Eng. on SS GEORGE WASHINGTON (US), born in N. Y., age 28, 5'6", black hair, Z-128270. Reliable informant states Subject was absent from ship and his duties for 2 days and won another day was found unfit for duty and not to be trusted to stand watch. 746 Trinity Ave., Bronx, N. Y. HART's next of kin is wife, Foretta, 302 Miska St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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MEMORANDUM.

From: Officer-in-Charge, Zone 2.
To : District Intelligence Officer, SIXTH Naval District.
Subj: SS "MARK KEPPEL"
Ref: (a) DIO-6ND conf. memo, same subject, file A8:A3-1(C&T)/ND6
(16-B5-JJB-lfk-40).

1. In view of the findings contained in reference (a), subject vessel was reboarded and it was determined that EUGSTER, Julian, and HART, Joseph T., mentioned in reference (a), were not aboard subject vessel. The Master (B-2) advised that these two men and one Paul Everett PALMER, an O.S., had jumped ship in New York just prior to its sailing on this voyage.

2. It is to be noted that each of the three men who jumped ship were natives of New York. EUGSTER's next of kin is listed as wife, Martha, 745 Trinity Ave., Bronx, N. Y. HART's next of kin is wife, Foretta, 302 Hicks St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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