

1135TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS DETACHMENT

PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: Tramp Ship MYRTO

A Field Informant of this office has observed a tramp steamer bearing the name MYRTO sailing under the flag of Honduras at Jolo, Sulu Wharf, R.P. The ship has an approximate displacement of 9,000 tons and claims as its port of origin Puerto Cortes, Honduras. The crew, however, is a motly assortment of various nationalities, including an Englishman, three Americans, a Finn and fifteen Greeks. It is believed that the ship is actually without nationality and the flag of Honduras is used primarily as a blind and secondly to insure low customs fees.

The Greeks aboard the MYRTO including the Master, Kitranes (FNU), are said to be avidly Communistic to the extent of lecturing inhabitants at their ports of call. The second engineer (name unknown) is reportedly the principal proponent of such activity. An audited lecture was extremely anti-American, anti-British and pro-Soviet in tone, intimating that Russia would soon right the ills of the world. It was bluntly stated that the Philippines will be the first country in the Orient to be taken by Russia.

Principal port of call for the MYRTO is said to be New York. When last seen the ship had been in Jolo for seven days, and prior to that the ship had been in Batavia. It is expected that the MYRTO will arrive in Manila in the near future.

Agent's Note: The Englishman, 3rd Mate aboard the MYRTO, told F.I. 550 that he is an agent of the British Immigration Bureau in Singapore and that he was placed aboard the ship to observe the activities of the Greeks. (B-5)

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