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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 10-5-44 BOARDED AT: Sav. Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 10-7-44

VESSEL: S.S. MATTHEW T. GOLDSBORO NO. IN CREW: 39

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

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Repairs

ITINERARY: Vessel arrived Savannah, Georgia, at 1155, 5 October, 1944 from New York.

6. SUBJECT gave his name as SUBJECT: Robert Joseph Arthur LALIBERTE, Allen RICHMOND, American Optical, Z-250861, Wiper aboard S.S. and Andrew TULLY, Boston Herald, MATTHEW T. GOLDSBORO. Age 23, 5'6", brown hair, brown eyes.

7. There is no file on SUBJECT at the local F.B.I. Office, 1. SUBJECT was checked through the files of another Government Agency with the following results:

8. SUBJECT was paid off at Savannah, Georgia, on 7 October, 1944. "Robert Joseph Arthur LALIBERTE, Z-250861, born Mass. 31 May, 1921, 5'6", brown hair, brown eyes, med. comp., Wiper, reported known Nazi Sympathizer."

2. A discreet interview with Robert Joseph Arthur LALIBERTE, Z-250861, Wiper, aboard the S.S. "MATTHEW T. GOLDSBORO" disclosed that he is identical with the person referred to in Paragraph (1). SUBJECT was born 31 May, 1921, at Southbridge, Mass., the son of Arthur and Blanche LALIBERTE, both native-born Americans. SUBJECT'S parents are now divorced, his father living at Spencer, Mass., and his mother residing at Shrewsbury, Mass. Since joining the Merchant Marine on 17 November, 1941, SUBJECT has served on the following vessels:

- (1) ELKO RAMBLER (Liberty)
- (2) THOMAS RUFFIN (Liberty)
- (3) PHINEAS BANNING

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)
DIO, 6ND (2)
DCGIO, 6ND (1)
File (1)

BOARDING OFFICER: "J" "R" TODD

APPROVED: HARVEY E. JOHNSON, JR.,
District CG Intelligence Officer, 6th NavDist.

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(4) JOHN GALLUP (Liberty)
(5) TALISMAND (C-2)
(6) MATTHEW T. GOLDSBORO (Liberty- present assigned).

3. SUBJECT stated that he does not belong to any organizations, and claims he was never involved in any difficulties with shipping or law-enforcement officials.

4. Michael PISKUN, Z-384640, Wiper, aboard the S.S. "GOLDSBORO" was the only person aboard the vessel that has known SUBJECT any length of time, as SUBJECT has been on the S.S. "GOLDSBORO" only a week, signing on at New York, 30 September, 1944. PISKUN was interviewed and he stated he had been on three (3) vessels with SUBJECT (S.S. "JOHN GALLUP", S.S. "TALISMAND", and S.S. "MATTHEW T. GOLDSBORO"), and that he and SUBJECT were constant companions. PISKUN advised that in all his associations with SUBJECT, he never found SUBJECT to display any Pro-Nazi sympathies, and further stated that SUBJECT'S actions were at all times normal, and neither knows or has heard of anything which would reflect upon SUBJECT'S loyalty to the United States.

5. G. H. TERRIBLE, First Assistant Engineer aboard the S.S. "GOLDSBORO", stated he had known SUBJECT only a week, but would recommend SUBJECT very highly as to his work and conduct.

6. SUBJECT gave his former employers as references, namely: Allen RICHMOND, American Optical Company, Southbridge, Mass., and Andrew TULLY, Boston Herald, Wesley, Mass.

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