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From: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Weekly report, Intelligence Office, week ending
1 November, 1941.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 July, 1941 (IDF-64).

Inclosure: (A) Ten copies, Report of Movements of Nationals of
Other Countries in Central America and Mexico,
dated 4 November, 1941.

The inclosures are submitted in accordance with instructions
contained in reference (a). Movements of nationals are reported to the
Commandant, Eighth Naval District, as they come to the attention of this
office.

On 27 October, 1941, Special Agent NOLAN of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans, Louisiana, appeared at this office
and stated that he had received information from a crew member of the
French S.S. MICHIGAN that the chief engineer of that vessel kept very
~~close to his room~~ when on board and kept the room locked when away; that
the informant and another member of the crew had, on 24 October, 1941,
observed that the chief's room was dark but upon looking in the port they
saw sparks and heard a radio sending code, and, as a British vessel had
sailed earlier in the day they suspicioned he was sending information re-
garding it. A check by this office revealed that no British vessels sailed
on that date, however the Dutch S.S. KENTAR departed at 12:15 p.m., for
Liverpool, which might have been the ship observed. The local office of
the Federal Communications Commission was contacted and it was decided to
monitor the MICHIGAN each night after the departure of a belligerent vessel,
which operations have been conducted with negative results to date. A
representative of this office gained admission to the chief engineer's
room on 28 October, 1941, conversed with the chief engineer for a con-
siderable length of time but saw nothing suspicious and found that the
only place a radio set could have been concealed would have been in the
desk. The outside of the cabin was discreetly checked for an antenna but
none was in evidence. However, the Federal Communications Commission plan
to continue the monitoring operations for another week.

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3. Intelligence personnel conducted an investigation on POPE, Audie L. (232-185) F.3c., attached to the TAMPA, relative to his marital status. The investigation revealed that POPE, upon enlistment in the Coast Guard at Fort Worth, Texas, on 28 April, 1941, had a wife and child residing at 301 N. Live Oak Street, Fort Worth, Texas, although at the time he stated that he was not married. A complete report of this matter was referred to Headquarters in a letter from this office dated 31 October, 1941 (73-701).

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4. Intelligence personnel were engaged in carding information relative to the movements of neutral and belligerent merchant vessels within ports of the New Orleans District and preparing daily reports in connection therewith.

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5. Intelligence personnel were engaged in recording information and preparing reports relative to the sealing of radios on belligerent merchant vessels.

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6. The Commandant, Eighth Naval District, Intelligence Officer, U. S. Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and local Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were furnished crew lists of all merchant vessels departing ports of the New Orleans District. These offices were also furnished information received by this office which might be of interest to the particular service.

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7. Intelligence personnel continued photographing foreign and domestic merchant vessels entering the port of New Orleans and compiling photographs received from other units for forwarding to Headquarters.

8. District radio personnel were engaged in continuous monitoring operations during the week.

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