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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 6-6-45 BOARDED AT: Sav., Ga. DATE OF REPORT 6-7-45

VESSEL: SS "MOSES AUSTIN" NO. IN CREW: 47

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSTIVE: (See Below) XXX

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Loading Cargo

ITINERARY: Subject vessel arrived Savannah, Georgia, 5 July, 1945
from New York.

1. A check of the crew list through the files of this office revealed that Intelligence Division Memorandum No.63-44 lists SCHLAPP, Otto James, alias SLATTERY, James, Passport No.85114, as a narcotic suspect.

2. James Otto SCHLAPP, Z-84058, Boatswain aboard Subject vessel, upon interview, stated that he was arrested by Federal Authorities in New York for using narcotics, and In Federal Court in New York City, in May, 1944 was given a trial and received a three (3) year Probation Sentence. SCHLAPP further stated that since that time he has not used narcotics in any way. SUBJECT gave as his reason for changing his name from Otto James to James O. (as he is listed on crew list) was to avoid teasing during World War I. for having the German name "Otto". SCHLAPP denied ever having used the alias James SLATTERY. SUBJECT was born 14 December, 1910, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and lists his present address as 195 9th Ave., New York City. SUBJECT holds Certificate of Identification, Z-84058, issued 5 January, 1938 at Boston, Mass. and U.S. Passport, 85114, issued 22 February, 1943. SCHLAPP signed on the SS "MOSES AUSTIN" at New York in May, 1944, after his trial in Federal Court, and has been serving as Boatswain aboard that vessel ever since.

3. Captain Harold JOHNSON, Master of Subject vessel, stated that he would recommend SCHLAPP very highly as to his service and conduct aboard the SS "MOSES AUSTIN" although he had observed SUBJECT when he was apparently under the influence of narcotics; however, since

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serving on the vessel from May, 1944, SCHLAPP has never lost a day's work. Captain JOHNSON further stated he was sure SCHLAPP still used narcotics but not to excess. In October, 1944, being warned by Captain JOHNSON to stop using narcotics, SUBJECT told Captain JOHNSON that he had his skull fractured in West Africa, and the doctors administered "dope" to ease his pain, and that he has not been able to stop using it. Captain JOHNSON advised that due to SUBJECT'S efficiency as a Boatswain and ability to work with the crew, he is desirous of keeping SUBJECT aboard.

4. Chester J. EWING, Z-439800, Purser, stated he had observed SUBJECT while SUBJECT was apparently under the influence of narcotics but that it had never affected his work. EWING stated that in October, 1944, SUBJECT requested an injection of morphine to ease a terrible pain which he claimed was caused by "gall-stones". This request was refused and SUBJECT has not requested an injection since that time.

5. HALL, William H., Z-203160, Chief Mate, stated that he would recommend SCHLAPP very highly as to his work and ability to get along with the rest of the crew. HALL stated that he has never seen SUBJECT under the influence of narcotics.

6. Forms 2515 and 2765 are forwarded.

7. The following aliens were interrogated and their Maritime Documents found to have been previously Indorsed for Security as follows:

ALEXANDRE, Joao F.	Z-564484	1ND, 3-28-45
CLARKE, Joseph	Z-588771	3ND, 6-2-45
POLACK, Antonio V.	Z-548531	11ND, 4-13-45
ANTOINE, Dick Arthur	Z-589115	3ND, 1-9-45
GRANT, Charles William	Z-384262	4ND, 5-16-45
PETTERSON, Gunnar E.	Z-306720	3ND, 11-2-44
LINDOR, Julius	Z-438334	3ND, 9-1-44

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