

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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United States Coast Guard

Washington

HEADQUARTERS

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Subject: American SS MANHATTAN; espionage activities on.

Summary of Information:

The following information has been received regarding the crew members of the SS MANHATTAN which has been chartered by the United States Army Transport Service:

RICHARD DEBROWSKI, 22 Hickory Street, Dumont, New Jersey, was born in Germany but is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He is reputed to be pro-Nazi and is alleged to be the "fuhrer" of the SS MANHATTAN.

SALAMON DEUTSCH, 505 West 187th Street, New York City, reputed to be pro-Nazi, was born in Hungary and is alleged to be a naturalized citizen of the United States.

ALFRED KARL DETERS, 301 - 79th Street, Woodcliff, New Jersey, is reported as being pro-Nazi, born in Germany but is alleged to have been naturalized.

ARTHUR JOSEPH HERMAN, 7512 Park Avenue, North Bergen, New Jersey, was born in Australia and is alleged to have been naturalized. He is reputed to be pro-Nazi and a member of the German Soccer Club, a Nazi organization within the United States lines.

GEORGE OLIVER RICE, 302 Gray Street, Teancek, New Jersey, reputed to be pro-Nazi, was born in England and is alleged to be a citizen of the United States.

FRITZ W. SCHAELER, 2 Adrian Avenue, New York City, was born in Germany and is alleged to have been naturalized. He is reputed to be pro-Nazi and is reported to have been associated with the alleged German Espionage Agents.

RHEINHOLD DIETZE, 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, was born in Germany but is alleged to have been naturalized. He is reported to be pro-Hitler, a member of the Soccer Club and an alleged German spy.

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FRIEDRICH FRIEDRICHS, 310 West 20th Street, New York City, was born in Germany and is alleged to be a naturalized citizen of the United States. He is reputed to have been a Nazi courier between New York and Genoa, Italy, when the SS MANHATTAN was operating between those points. He is reputed to be a contact for alleged German espionage agents.

WILLIAM FRANKE, 418 West 23rd Street, New York City, was born in Germany, alleged to be a naturalized citizen of the United States, is reputed to be pro-Nazi and a member of the Nazi Soccer Club on the SS MANHATTAN.

WILLIAM BRINER, 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, was born in Switzerland but is alleged to be a naturalized citizen of the United States. He is reputed to be pro-Nazi.

KARL KORN, 1203 Bloomfield Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, is reputed to be of German birth, alleged to have been naturalized. He is reputed to be the head Nazi on the SS MANHATTAN and a collector of Nazi dues.

WILLIAM GUSTAV MAUSS, 85-27 65th Road, Forest Hills, New York, is of German birth and is alleged to have been naturalized. He is reputed to be pro-Nazi.

GUSTAV ALBERT MUELLER was born in Germany but is alleged to have been naturalized. He is reported as being pro-Nazi.

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