

FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT Gripsholm/Ship

100-124687, Section 7



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 18, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: RETURN VOYAGE OF MS GRIPSHOLM

The writer called [redacted] of the State Department to inquire as to whether a list of the American nationals returning to the United States from Germany has been obtained by the State Department. [redacted] advised that the list was received today, and that the Bureau would receive its copies in a short time. He mentioned that exclusive of the American diplomatic officials, there are approximately 212 other Americans on the vessel, of which only 94 appear to be bona fide American citizens. The remaining number are claiming derivative American citizenship and so forth.

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The State Department has also promised to furnish the Bureau with a summary of the information in their files concerning each passenger, after which the Bureau will conduct a thorough investigation. Upon receipt of the lists from the State Department the Newark Field Division will be advised that the citizenship status of each of these persons should be definitely established, and, of course, those that are in doubt should be thoroughly interviewed upon the arrival of the GRIPSHOLM.

Respectfully,

J. C. Strickland
J. C. Strickland

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Mr. Ladd _____
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 22, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: MS GRIPSHOLM

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SAC McKee called today and advised that they are presently working out the details of handling the Gripsholm and that they contemplate using approximately fifty interviewing panels. He inquired as to the advisability of interviewing all passengers aboard the vessel with the exception of diplomats and Government officials, and he was advised that when the official passenger list is received by the Bureau a definite decision can be made in this regard.

It was pointed out, however, that there would be no objection to interviewing all nonofficial passengers in order that their identity may be definitely established. He also stated that a conference will be called consisting of representatives of ONI, MIS, Immigration, Customs, and the State Department when the details are worked out in order that these agencies may become familiar with the procedure that will be adopted. The procedure as explained by SAC McKee is identical with that used on all repatriation vessels.

Respectfully,

J. C. Strickland
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February 22, 1944

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SAC, Newark

Re: M. S. GRIPSHOLM

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a list of the American Official Group, and Latin-American Official Group, returning on the GRIPSHOLM, which is scheduled to arrive at Jersey City, New Jersey, during the first week of March, 1944.

Also enclosed herewith are summaries of information in the State Department files concerning some of the individuals on the American Official Group list. You will note that the American Official Group list contains quite a number of State Department employees and military and naval attaches. The State Department has agreed to assume complete responsibility for its employees and will have appropriate records available when the vessel arrives at Jersey City to identify its employees. Therefore, it will not be necessary to conduct any investigations concerning these individuals. However, immediate investigations should be instituted as to the individuals who are not State Department employees or military or naval attaches.

The complete passenger list has not been received by the State Department. As soon as such list is available, your office will be notified immediately. The files of the Bureau are presently being checked as to the individuals who are included in the information summaries received from the State Department, and upon completion of the examination, your office will be furnished with all pertinent data.

The Bureau has also been advised that possibly OWI will not participate in the panel interviews of persons aboard the GRIPSHOLM, except those individuals who may have information of naval interest. Your office should therefore immediately work out all details for handling this vessel and, of course, make appropriate arrangements to board it while at quarantine.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, Newark

March 6, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERMAN REPATRIATION
SS GRIPSHOIM, EXPECTED JERSEY CITY,
NEW JERSEY, March 14, 1944

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Attached are four copies of a partial list of the passengers aboard the instant vessel and who will arrive at Jersey City.

You will note that the greater portion of this list are officials. However, the nonofficials, in so far as the Bureau is concerned, begin with #100 and continue through #146.

By Bureau letter dated February 25, 1944, you were furnished summaries of information on the persons listed in the attached, with the exception of [redacted], stateless, and [redacted] stateless. It is possible that [redacted] is the wife of [redacted]. However, the State Department has no identifying data concerning her. The State Department has advised also that they are unable to identify [redacted].

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In the event any data is received concerning these persons, you will, of course, be furnished the same immediately.

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United States Department of Justice
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March 4, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: M. S. GRIPSHOLM

You will recall that the Gripsholm is presently at Lisbon awaiting the American nationals from Germany. The writer has kept in constant touch with the State Department in an effort to obtain a passenger list, in order that appropriate investigations can be conducted and all details worked out for the handling of the vessel before she arrives at Jersey City, N.J.

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According to [redacted] of the State Department, they have been unable to obtain an official list of passengers as yet in view of the fact that a trainload of the American nationals is scheduled to arrive at Lisbon today, March 4, 1944, after which the vessel is scheduled to leave Lisbon on March 5, 1944. He stated they hope to see the passenger list as soon as the vessel leaves Lisbon. It is reported there will be approximately 386 non-official American nationals who will have to be investigated by the Bureau, and according to the present arrangements, the vessel upon leaving Lisbon will not stop at any port but will proceed directly to Jersey City, and the trip will take only nine days. In view of the fact that the passenger list will be received after the vessel has departed for the United States, the Newark Field Division will have only a short time in which to complete the appropriate investigations, and in those instances where the investigation cannot be completed it may be necessary to have these people placed on Ellis Island until the investigations are made.

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[redacted] of the State Department was informed in detail of the amount of work the Bureau has to do in connection with these vessels, and he stated that they have cabled Lisbon endeavoring to obtain the passenger list and realizes that the time element is very important as far as the Bureau is concerned. [redacted] stated he would call the writer immediately when the passenger list is received from Lisbon.

Respectfully, RECORDED

J. C. Strickland

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United States Department of Justice
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: MS GRIPSHOLM

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The writer was advised by [redacted] of the State Department that a telegram was received from their representatives in Lisbon setting forth a list of officials returning on the Gripsholm. They are as follows:

U. S. officials	99
Colombian "	18
Dominican Republic officials	5
Ecuadorian "	8
Mexican "	51
Panamanian "	13
Peruvian "	11
Salvadorian "	4

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In addition, this list sets forth the names of 17 American non-officials such as Red Cross workers and newspapermen. He also advised that they have received a cable from Lisbon advising that a second list will be submitted setting out the names of 375 American non-officials returning on the Gripsholm. According to [redacted] this information should be received today, March 6, 1944. Copies of the lists of diplomats and officials will be obtained and sent to the Newark Field Division.

I wish to advise that the Gripsholm should arrive at Jersey City, N. J., on or about March 14, 1944, and the Bureau has not as yet received an official list of American non-officials. You will recall that investigations are made of each American non-official, and the investigations are predicated upon background information obtained from the State Department files and Bureau files. It is possible that there may be a slight delay in completing these investigations and it may be necessary to place a few individuals on Ellis Island until the investigations have been completed.

SAC McKee called about this matter today and he was furnished with the above information. SAC McKee also requested authority to have a telephone installed on board the Gripsholm, connected with the Field Office, which was done when the Gripsholm last arrived at Newark. Authority was granted to have the phone installed.



As soon as the list of American non-officials is received it will be furnished immediately to the Newark office, and you will be kept advised as to the progress of the investigations and the procedure used in handling this vessel.

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Respectfully,
J. C. Strickland
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SAC, Newark

February 25, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

M. S. GRIPSHOLM

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Reference is made to Bureau letter of February 22, 1944, which enclosed summaries of information on various individuals who are to arrive on the Gripsholm.

There are enclosed herewith summaries of all pertinent information in the Bureau files on these individuals. You should review this material and forward any leads suggested thereby to the appropriate Field Divisions.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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One [redacted] of the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was a speaker at many Communist Party affairs. [redacted]

[redacted] It is not known whether he is identical with the passenger.

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February 24, 1944

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On a list of former subscribers to the "Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter and Free American", dated 1942, appeared the name of one [redacted] New York. It is not known whether this individual is identical with the passenger.

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February 24, 1944

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The passenger, a member of the [redacted] is said to be a graduate of [redacted] College, [redacted] Kansas.

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One [redacted] lived in the [redacted] New York, in
1938. It is not known whether he is identical with the passenger.

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One [redacted] was [redacted] of the "Socialist Appeal" in the December 15, 1936 issue. This is a newspaper said to be published in New York City.

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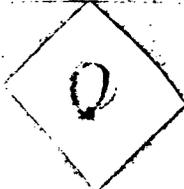
One [redacted] is reported to be [redacted] of the "Red Falcons of America", a young Socialist movement whose national headquarters were in Chicago, Illinois. She is reported to have been [redacted]

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The above named passenger called at the Bureau on September 10, 1940, to report certain German activities which he had observed while interned in Germany. He had been an [redacted] in the French Army and was captured by the Germans on [redacted]. He was detained as a prisoner of war [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that he was born in New York City of an Italian father and a French mother who were not naturalized citizens. [redacted] stated that he has a sister residing in [redacted].

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[redacted] gave no information concerning himself but stated that he was acquainted with [redacted] of New York City who is connected with the [redacted] Company. He had been given Hirschler's name by a Lieutenant [redacted] of the German Army while Vicovari was interned at Hamburg. [redacted] stated that he had resided for a short time at [redacted], New York City, where a [redacted] is the [redacted].

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The Bureau files indicate that one [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of the SS PRESIDENT GARFIELD in September, 1940.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JCS:SEM

TO :

MR. LADD *JL*

DATE: 3/10/44

FROM :

MR. STRICKLAND *JL*

SUBJECT:

MS GRIPSHOLM

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Mumford _____
- Mr. Jones _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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- Miss Beahm _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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SAC McKee, of the Newark office, called and advised that the meeting of representatives of the local Intelligence Agencies, and other interested agencies, concerning the handling of the Gripsholm, was held in the Newark office on March 10, 1944, and all agencies were represented except the Coast Guard. According to SAC McKee, they have no direct liaison with the Coast Guard and the invitation to them to attend this meeting was extended through Lieutenant [redacted] of ONI in New York City. SAC McKee understands that possibly the Coast Guard did not send a representative due to the fact that they did not receive a direct invitation to do so. It was contemplated that some of the Coast Guard would act as guards on the vessel, and SAC McKee requested that the Bureau take the matter up with the Coast Guard.

SAC McKee was advised that in view of the fact that the Coast Guard was invited to attend the meeting and failed to send a representative, no request would be made by the Bureau of the Coast Guard for their assistance in the handling of this vessel, and that he should use Special Agents in place of representatives of the Coast Guard.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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JOS:SLH

March 8, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: GERMAN REPATRIATION
THE GRIPSHOLM

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You will recall that the Gripsholm is scheduled to arrive at Jersey City, N.J., about March 14, 1944. [redacted] of the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Department called a meeting for 2:15 P.M. March 9, 1944, in the Solicitor General's office for the purpose of discussing the procedure for handling this vessel. Unless advised to the contrary, the writer will attend this meeting. A meeting is also scheduled to be held at Newark on March 10, 1944, among the interested agencies, and they will follow the procedure agreed upon at the conference in Washington on March 9th.

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[redacted] of the State Department has advised that they will have a meeting attended by representatives of the interested agencies at 11 A.M., March 13, 1944, at 45 Broadway, New York City. The Newark Field Division has been advised of this meeting and representatives of the Bureau will attend.

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For your further information, the Bureau today received an additional passenger list setting out the names of 375 non-official American passengers. Out of this number the Bureau has received summaries from the State Department on 153 individuals. Copies of the passenger list and summaries mentioned have been sent to the Newark office in order that appropriate investigations may be instituted immediately. [redacted] of the State Department has advised that as far as they can determine there will be summaries on some 150 more individuals which they will furnish the Bureau, and that the remaining individuals, approximately 72, are aliens on which the State Department has no information and, therefore, appropriate investigations cannot be conducted until they have been interviewed on board the vessel.

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According to [redacted] the Post Office Department has decided that they will not censor the mail delivered to the repatriates on the pier. This matter will be taken up at the meeting in Washington on March 9th.

Respectfully,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JCS:SIM
 TO : MR. LADD
 FROM : MR. STRICKLAND
 SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR LIST OF NAMES
 AND ADDRESSES OF PASSENGERS
 ABOARD MS GRIPSHOLM

DATE: March 13, 1944

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SA [redacted] of the New York office called and advised that he attended the conferences at which there were representatives of the various economic agencies, as well as intelligence agencies, and that some of the economic agencies have requested that they be furnished with a list of the names and addresses of the passengers aboard the Gripsholm in order that they might interview them for positive intelligence information.

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The Newark Field Division discussed this matter with Colonel [redacted] of G-2, who will have men on board the vessel to sit with Bureau representatives in interviewing the passengers, and he stated that such information should be obtained only by military authorities, and that in his opinion it was "dynamite" to furnish the economic agencies with such information.

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SA [redacted] was advised that the matter would be checked into and he would be appropriate advised. I see no reason why such a list cannot be prepared and furnished to SA [redacted] for delivery to the agencies interested in the information, since the Bureau is furnishing this type of information in Washington to the Foreign Economic Administration. However, I feel that such action should not be taken if it will result in hard feelings, and the writer will look into this matter while in Newark for the handling of the Gripsholm.

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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
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Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Mr. Gandy

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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 5 NEWARK FROM NEW YORK 13 407 PM
DIRECTOR AND SAC NEWARK AND NEW HAVEN

KIN. PASSENGERS ARRIVING SS GRIPSHOLM, ETC. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ INFORMANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISES [REDACTED] HAS EXTENSIVE INFO RE MANY
REPATRIATES ARRIVING ON SS GRIPSHOLM AND HAS INFO ON PLANS
BEING MADE FOR SOME REPATRIATES TO COMMENCE LECTURE TOURS THROUGHOUT
THE US FOLLOWING ARRIVAL. INFORMANT STATES [REDACTED] BELIEVES SOME RE-
PATRIATES PLAN TO GIVE PRO GERMAN LECTURES MINIMIZING NAZI
BRUTALITY AND DESIGNED TO MAKE US FEEL SORRY FOR GERMANS. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INFORMANT [REDACTED] ADVISES [REDACTED] RESIDES [REDACTED]
BORN IN [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW HAVEN REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR ALL PERTINENT INFO SHE HAS ON BACKGROUND
AND FUTURE PLANS OF REPATRIATES AND FURNISH TO NEWARK FIELD WHICH IS
HANDLING GRIPSHOLM ARRIVAL AND HAS LIST OF REPATRIATES.

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NEW HAVEN TO BE ADVISED

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HEW:mva

SAC, New Orleans

March 11, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERMAN REPATRIATION SS GRIPSHOLM EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, MARCH 14, 1944;
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL.

Attached hereto are additional summaries of identifying data concerning passengers arriving aboard the instant vessel.

The names of all passengers arriving on this boat have been searched through the Bureau files and you have been furnished with all data contained in the Bureau files which has been identified as possibly concerning the persons who are passengers on this vessel.

There are also attached two revised and corrected copies of the lists entitled "American Officials and Latin Americans Returning on M. V. Gripsholm."

There are also attached for your information four copies of a confidential future release received this date from the State Department. The names of the nonofficials listed on the Latin American group were searched through the Bureau files and no information could be identified with these names with the exception of [REDACTED]

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There are attached copies of a communication received from the Bureau's representative in Mexico City concerning [REDACTED] who is possibly identical with the passenger.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 8, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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SAC McKee of Newark called at this time and advised that in going over the matter of the Gripsholm, it has been determined that there will be a number of passengers who are Polish and who have spent the greater part of their lives in Poland. McKee stated in view of this, they will need an agent there with this language ability to handle these interviews. McKee stated he has been advised that there is an agent assigned to the Philadelphia Office who is fluent in the Polish language and his name is [REDACTED]

McKee requested that the Bureau make the necessary arrangements for this agent to be there when the Gripsholm arrives. I told McKee that the matter would be handled here at the Bureau.

Respectfully,

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D. M. Ladd

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NY was instructed to have SA [REDACTED] report to the Newark Field Division to assist in the handling of the Gripsholm as a Polish translator. The Newark Field Division has been so advised.

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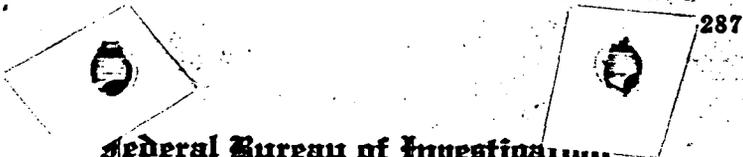


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DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 11, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. *MADE*

Re: MS GRIPSHOLM

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

Upon reviewing the passenger list of the Gripsholm, it was noted that approximately 33 non-official Latin-Americans are aboard and it is possible that Special Agents versed in the Spanish language should be available to interview these individuals.

Pursuant to your instructions, the writer called ASAC Wiand of the New York Office and instructed him to determine how many Spanish speaking Agents there are in the New York Office, and to assign ten or twelve of them to report to the Newark Field Division to assist in paneling the incoming passengers on the Gripsholm. He was also instructed to call SAC McKee of the Newark Office to determine the approximate time these Agents should appear in Newark, and to also advise the Bureau of the results.

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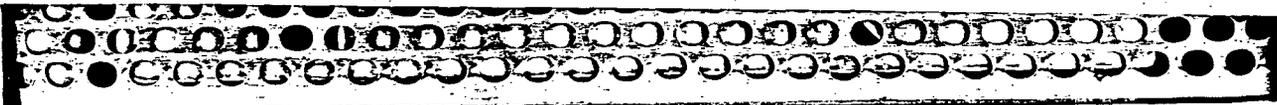
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York

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March 14, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: SS GRIPSHOLM
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

(Bureau File 100-124687)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 19, 1944 to Newark, copies of which were furnished to the New York Field Division, in which the New York Field Division was requested to obtain copies of certain material which is to be forwarded to the Bureau.

In compliance with this letter, the following listed material was obtained from the United States Customs Service in New York City, and is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

The agreement with the officials at the time the material was obtained was that same might be retained by the Bureau until such time as the Customs Service desired to release the material to the individual passengers, and at such times thereafter as the individual passengers request the return of the material from the Customs Service:

1. "Construction of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere", Mainichi Publishing Company, 1943.
2. "The American British Challenge Directed Against Nippon", Greater East Asia War Inquiry Commission, The Mainichi Publishing Company.
3. (a) "Co-Prosperity Sphere", no publication given.
(b) "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere", the Osaka Mainichi -- The Tokyo Nichi Nichi.
4. "Traacherous America", Ambassador Kurusu's Address on November 26, 1942 and Excerpts from the Roberts Report, The Japan Times, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.

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5. "Communiqués issued by the Imperial General Headquarters", (Since the outbreak of the Greater East Asia War), December 8, 1941 - June 30, 1943, The Mainichi Publishing Company.
6. "The Imperial Rescript Declaring War on United States and British Empire", by Iichiro 'Soho' Tokutomi, Translated by HANAKA TASAKI, the Osaka Mainichi, Osaka and the Tokyo Nichi Nichi, Tokyo.
7. "Singapore Assignment", by Tatsuki Fujii, The Nippon Times, Tokyo, Japan.
8. "Three Centuries of Wars of Aggression and Conquests", by Mitsuaki Kakehi, The Nippon Times, Tokyo.
9. (a) "Nippon" (series of articles on Japanese military training dated 1942.
(b) "Nippon" (series of articles of Japanese movies, coming military training, etc., by Katri Younosuke, dated 1943.
10. "Nippon Times Weekly", (periodical publication on Japanese night), dated February 28, 1942.
11. (a) "Nippon Times weekly" (periodical depicting Japanese strength and victories), dated January 1, 1943.
(b) "Nippon Times weekly", dated June 10, 1943.
(c) "Nippon Times Weekly", dated August 5, 1943.
(d) "Nippon Times Weekly", dated August 26, 1943.
12. "Victory on the March", (a pictorial record of the first year of the war of greater East Asia.
13. "Front Manchoukuo, an Epic", issued 5-6-43 (magazine.
14. Set of six pictures entitled, "Souvenirs for the Families of Prisoners" (designating the happy life in Japanese internment camps).

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It is to be noted that reference letter from the Bureau requested that a copy of "Women of Burma #1", published by Asahi Shimbun Sha Ginza Nishi, 5 Chome, Tokyo, Nippon, be obtained from the Customs Service along with the foregoing material. The records of the Customs Service reflected that this article had been furnished to the Naval Military Government School at 431 West 117th Street, New York City.

Inquiry of the Naval Military Government School reflects that said school has no record of having received this item. For this reason, the Bureau is not being furnished a copy of this item.

Very truly yours,


E. E. CONROY
SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JCS:SBM

DATE: 3/10/44

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : MR. STRICKLAND

SUBJECT: ~~REPATRIATION~~

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Carson _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

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You will recall that a meeting was held in the Solicitor General's Office on March 9, 1944, at the request of [redacted]. At this meeting there were representatives of the State Department, Immigration Service, ONI, G-2 and Department of Justice. The writer attended the meeting on behalf of the Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the procedure to be used in handling the repatriates aboard the MS GRIPSHOLM. As a matter of record, it was agreed that the following procedure would be used in handling the vessel:

(1) The American and Latin-American diplomats will be instructed by State Department representatives to report to the cabin class smoking room on the promenade deck immediately after the vessel leaves quarantine. Blue cards will be prepared by the FBI and distributed to these individuals by State Department representatives. The blue card indicates that the individual is a diplomat. These cards will also be issued to individuals employed by the U.S. Government.

(2) A list of the Latin non-officials will be prepared by the FBI and the individuals on this list will be instructed by the purser on the vessel, as well as by FBI representatives, to report to the corridor on the port side of A Deck between the forward stairway and the tourists lounge. Special Agents will be there to guard the entrance and exit to this corridor. These individuals will report at the above mentioned point as soon as the vessel leaves quarantine.

(3) The American semi-officials, consisting of Red Cross workers, newspapermen, etc., will be instructed by FBI representatives to report to the corridor on the starboard side of A Deck between the forward stairway and tourists lounge. The list of these individuals will be prepared by the FBI, and they will be interviewed immediately after the Latin non-officials. Appropriate guards will be established by the FBI at this point.

(4) The American non-officials of approximately 375 individuals will be divided into two groups, based upon the investigations of these individuals. The first group will consist of those individuals whose citizenship has been more or less established by investigation and it appears that the interviews will not be as long as with the other individuals. These individuals will be instructed to report to the tourist class smoking room and lounge on A Deck immediately after the vessel docks at the pier. Special Agents of the FBI will see that order is maintained in the lounge, and after an appropriate tabulation is made will announce that the individuals whose last names begin with a certain letter, say the letter "K" and the letters following, will be requested to return to the tourist class lounge at possibly 2 P.M., or any other suitable hour. This arrangement will permit the passengers who are waiting to be interviewed to be sitting down and not standing in line.

When the interviews are commenced with the individuals in this group, a messenger will escort a small group, possibly ten in number, to the control desk where they will be assigned to a panel. Thereafter, they will be escorted to their panel. Shortly thereafter, another group of ten will be waiting at the control desk for their panel assignments, etc.

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The individuals whose names appear on the second list will be instructed to report to the tourist class lounge at 9 A.M. the following day. In this manner these individuals can return to their staterooms on A or B Decks and will not be crowding any of the rooms being used by the FBI. Of course, these persons will not be allowed on the promenade deck.

MECHANICS OF PROCEDURE

- (1) The central control desk will be located by the elevator on A Deck where the panel number assignments and files on the individuals will be maintained. The passengers will be escorted from the control desk to a panel on the promenade deck.
- (2) After the interview is completed, the Special Agent on the panel will escort the passenger to the library on the promenade deck where the expatriation panel will operate. This panel consists of a representative of the FBI, Immigration Service, Justice and State Departments. The Special Agent will relate the facts obtained during his interview and his observations as to what suspicious or questionable information was obtained, and make any recommendations he may desire to as to further investigation, etc. This procedure is being resorted to in order that any individual who has possibly expatriated himself will be prevented from appearing before any other desk.
- (3) Should no derogatory or suspicious information be developed, the individual will be immediately cleared and his card checked by the Agent and initialled by a Department of Justice representative.
- (4) If derogatory or suspicious information is available, the passenger will be given a yellow card which indicates that he cannot leave the vessel and is a passenger for Ellis Island.
- (5) If any case of serious doubt exists, the individual's card will be marked "return to panel", and the State Department and Immigration representatives will check this individual, based upon information in their possession, and make any recommendations they may desire. He will thereafter be returned to the expatriation panel and a definite decision made.
- (6) The State Department representatives will maintain their records in the cabin class lounge on the promenade deck. The Immigration representatives will maintain their desk in the cabin class smoking room on the promenade deck.

There will be 50 panels operating on the promenade deck. All exits and entrances will be properly guarded, and the passengers upon completion of the check by Immigration authorities can immediately proceed to their staterooms and then to Customs.



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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 3/10/44

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: REPATRIATION

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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahn	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

A meeting was held in the office of the Solicitor General on March 9, 1944, at the request of [redacted] to discuss the handling of the repatriates aboard the MS GRIPSHOLM, which is scheduled to arrive at Jersey City, New Jersey, on March 15, 1944. There were representatives of the State Department, Immigration Service, OWI, G-2, and Department of Justice present at this conference. Mr. J. C. Strickland represented the Bureau.

[redacted] opened the meeting by stating that the Department desired that some procedure be agreed upon by the interested agencies concerning the handling of the repatriates aboard the MS GRIPSHOLM. It was pointed out that the State Department was unable to obtain the passenger list until March 8, 1944, and that the FBI had to conduct investigations on approximately 375 passengers aboard this vessel, and it is possible some of the investigations will not be completed at the time the vessel arrives, in view of the fact that the State Department has also encountered delay in furnishing the FBI with summaries of information in its files upon which to predicate our investigations. It was also brought to the attention of the group by [redacted] that he understands a large number of the repatriates have not been in the United States for a number of years, ranging from approximately ten to fifty years, and that there are quite a few who were born abroad of American parents and have never been in the United States. [redacted] expressed concern over this situation and stated that in his opinion the possibility exists that a number of these alleged American citizens have possibly expatriated themselves, and for that reason extreme caution was going to be used in handling this vessel.

For your information, the Bureau did not receive the passenger list of American non-officials (375 in number) until March 8, 1944, and to date has received summaries on only approximately 200 of these individuals from the State Department. The investigations are being expedited, but it is possible that they will not all be completed when the vessel arrives, in view of the fact that the State Department has been unable to locate some of its files and cannot furnish the background information on the individuals upon which to initiate investigations.

[redacted] commented on the fact that the Attorney General had recently directed a letter to the Secretary of State pointing out that the failure to furnish the passenger list on the GRIPSHOLM at an earlier date will necessitate a delay in the handling of the vessel, and suggested that immediate steps be taken to prevent a recurrence of this situation in the future.

It was agreed at the conference that the passengers will be handled in the following manner:

- (1) AMERICAN SOLDIERS

There are approximately 36 American soldiers on board who were prisoners of war and are being returned to the United States. Most of these individuals are ill or incapacitated due to military action, and this group will be the first to be removed from the vessel. This matter will, of course, be handled by the War Department.

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(2) AMERICAN AND LATIN-AMERICAN DIPLOMATS

The American diplomats, approximately 15 in number, and the South American diplomats, approximately 100 in number, will be handled after the American soldiers have been removed from the vessel.

(3) LATIN NON-OFFICIALS

There are approximately 33 non-official Latins on board this vessel, and they will be escorted to the panels for interview immediately after the vessel leaves quarantine.

(4) SEMI-OFFICIALS (AMERICAN)

There are approximately 47 American semi-officials on board the vessel, such as newspapermen, Red Cross workers, and officers of various charitable organizations. These individuals will also appear before the panels as soon as the vessel leaves quarantine.

(5) NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS

There are 375 non-official Americans aboard this vessel. The interviewing of these individuals will commence upon completion of the interviews with the American semi-officials.

For your information, the ONI representatives stated they will not participate in the paneling of the repatriates except in those cases which are of Naval interest.

Complete arrangements have been made by the Newark Field Division to handle this vessel, and a meeting is being held today, March 10, 1944, at the request of the Newark office, with representatives of the various local interested agencies to outline the procedure. Every effort will be made to handle this boat as expeditiously as possible. However, I desire to point out that a large number of the repatriates have not been in the United States for a number of years and quite a few have never been in the United States, which will necessitate a very thorough interview and investigation in each instance to definitely determine whether these individuals are American citizens and are not entering the United States on behalf of the German government. It is true that these individuals are supposed to have been interned by the German government. However, from a security standpoint I believe that the loyalty of each repatriate should be definitely established before they are allowed to enter the United States. Instructions to this effect have been issued to the Newark Field Division, and this procedure will be followed unless you advise to the contrary.

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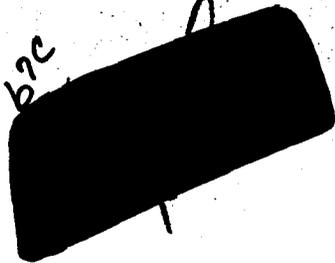
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KIN. PASSENGERS ARRIVING SS GRIPSHOLM, ETC. REFERENCE TELETYPE FROM
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ARRIVING ON SS GRIPSHOLM PLAN LECTURE TOURS THROUGHOUT US ON ARRIVAL
OR OF THEIR PLANS TO GIVE PRO-GERMAN LECTURES. [REDACTED] STATED SHE
BELIEVED NAZI OFFICIALS CAUSED INTERNED PERSONS, WHOM THEY HAD REASON
TO BELIEVE WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE US, TO RECEIVE BETTER TREATMENT
THAN OTHERS SO THAT THEY WOULD, AFTER REACHING THIS COUNTRY, MINIMIZE
NAZI BRUTALITY AND MAKE THE PEOPLE FEEL KINDLY TOWARDS THE GERMANS.
[REDACTED] UNABLE TO NAME INDIVIDUAL PASSENGERS WHO WERE TREATED KINDLY BY
NAZIS FOR THIS PURPOSE. [REDACTED] FURNISHED INFORMATION AS TO PERSONS
WHO MIGHT BE ABOARD THE GRIPSHOLM. REGARDING FAMILY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DID NOT WANT TO RETURN TO THE US WITH [REDACTED]
ONE OF [REDACTED] DAUGHTERS, NAME UNKNOWN, CAME INTO AMERICAN EMBASSY
BERLIN IN NINETEEN FORTY AND GAVE NAZI SALUTE. [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] SONS, [REDACTED] EMPLOYED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] US ARMY,
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AGO TRIBUNE, PARIS, FRANCE, A JEWESS. [REDACTED] BELIEVED [REDACTED] MIGHT

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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COOPERATIVE, BUT DOES NOT KNOW NAMES OF REPATRIATES ABOARD GRIPSHOLM. IF NEWARK DESIRES FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] LIST OF PASSENGERS SHOULD BE FURNISHED THIS OFFICE. NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED. RUC.

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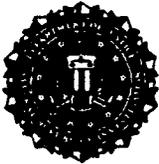
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Re: Fingerprints, [REDACTED]

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This is to advise that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] office, Adjutant General's office, War Department, Phone [REDACTED] telephonically communicated with the writer's office, requesting to be furnished with a copy of the above named two individual's fingerprints. He desired the fingerprints of the two soldiers in that they are being returned to this country at 10:00 A.M., March 15, 1944, aboard the Gripsholm. He advised that their Army files failed to contain the five finger impressions which it was necessary for them to have in New York this morning for comparison purposes to prove that the persons being returned to this country were, in fact, the soldiers that were supposed to have left the war front.

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A photostatic copy of the fingerprints of [REDACTED] were furnished [REDACTED]. However, Lieutenant [REDACTED] was commissioned into the Army as a ROTC graduate and it has been noted on numerous occasions that this group of commissioned officers have no fingerprints in existence. [REDACTED] were telephonically communicated with to ascertain whether or not this inquiry would in any way effect the list of names checked by Division Five of persons being repatriated.

Respectfully,

H. S. Hallett

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SAC, Newark
Attention: Special Agent [REDACTED]
J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERMAN REFUGIATES, SS CRIPPLES.
EXPECTED TO ARRIVE JERSEY CITY,
NEW JERSEY, March 14, 1944
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Attached hereto are thirty-five additional summaries of identifying data concerning passengers expected to arrive aboard instant vessel. These summaries were received at the Bureau on March 14, 1944, from the State Department, Washington, D. C.

The names of these passengers were previously searched through the Bureau files, and if they were identified with previous information, it has been sent to you.

The contents of the enclosed summaries were telephonically dictated to employees of your office on March 14, 1944, by [REDACTED] of the Bureau.

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SAC, Newark

Attention: Special Agent [REDACTED]

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SS GRIPSHOLM EXPECTED TO ARRIVE
JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, March 14, 1944
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Attached hereto are additional summaries of identifying data concerning passengers arriving aboard the instant vessel. There are also several memoranda concerning some of the passengers who are subjects of Bureau files.

The Bureau has been informed by the State Department that additional summaries will be furnished, and immediately upon the receipt of the same they will, of course, be forwarded to you.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
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Case [redacted] was listed as a nonresident member of Technischer Verein, New York. See the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted] at New York City, page 208, in the case entitled "Association of German-American Technologists".

- Mr. Tolson.....
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Lisbon, Portugal
March 9, 1944

Communication No. 241

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Liaison Section

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Re: SS. "GRIPSHOLM" REPATRIATION VOYAGE
DEPARTING LISBON, PORTUGAL
MARCH 6, 1944.

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Dear Sir:

Please refer to my cable No. 84 dated March 9, 1944, bearing the above caption.

Prior to the arrival of the SS. "Gripsholm" at Lisbon, Portugal, with the Axis repatriates, various lists of official and non-official United States and Latin American repatriates were prepared. The first lists of Americans included official personnel from Germany and occupied territory, as well as, Red Cross and Press representatives. The complete lists of non-official Americans were not available until late in the evening of March 5, 1944, for the simple reason the Germans did not furnish the names of all the persons they were sending out to the Swiss for delivery to the Americans.

[Redacted] (S) [Redacted]

[Redacted] (S) [Redacted]

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In the event, any further information is forthcoming regarding individuals, who were repatriated on the SS. "Gripsholm", I shall immediately advise the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Dennis A. Flinn
DENNIS A. FLINN
Legal Attache

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM
FROM : D. M. LADD
SUBJECT: GRIPSHOLM

DATE: March 16, 1944
7:50 P.M.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Nease
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Mr. J. C. Strickland, Chief of the Alien Enemy Control Section, who is presently in Newark in connection with the questioning of the passengers on board the above ship, called at this time to advise of the present status of the questioning. He stated there are 19 individuals to go to Ellis Island for further investigation or questioning. He stated that a little difficulty arose there today. The Department insisted on having the Review Boards and these Boards bottlenecked everything; that the State Department officials became very peeved so finally, after much confusion, [redacted] decided to do away with the Review Boards.

Mr. Strickland stated his last check revealed that there were to be 54 more interviews; that they hope to get through tonight but the only thing that might hold them up is the Polish speaking individuals.

Mr. Strickland stated there might be some repercussion because of the Review Boards; but the Bureau will not be criticized in any manner and everything in so far as we are concerned will turn out satisfactorily.

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Director, F.B.I.
 Attention MR. J. C. STRICKLAND

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Re: M.S. GRIPSHOLM
 THIRD REPATRIATION VOYAGE
 EXPECTED JERSEY CITY, N.J. MARCH 14, 1944
 FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of MR. STRICKLAND, the following is the plan proposed by this office for the processing of the repatriates expected to arrive aboard the M.S. Gripsholm as above captioned. Transmitted herewith, in order that the suggestions outlined hereinafter may be depicted more clearly, is a map of the various accommodations of the Gripsholm.

It is suggested that the main central control desk at which the names of all passengers should be checked off, be placed on A Deck in front of the elevator in the fore part of the ship and at the foot of the stairway leading to the Promenade Deck. On the enclosed plan of the ship this space is indicated by a letter "C".

It is suggested that the State Department files, the Immigration Inspectors, together with Agents of this office who are to identify the various persons for the purpose of examining their papers, etc., be situated in the tourist-class lounge and smoking room located at the rear of A Deck. Entrance to this section should be through the doorway on the port side of the tourist-class lounge where the letter "I" has been marked on the enclosed plan. It will be recalled that on the last voyage of the Gripsholm this identification group was located on the Promenade Deck in the cabin-class lounge and smoking room. It is believed that if this group is located on A Deck in the respective positions outlined, it will relieve much of the confusion that existed on the Promenade Deck. Furthermore, it is planned that this time, inasmuch as the number of persons to be interviewed by a panel will be greater than last time, there will be a larger



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number of panels operating on the Promenade Deck.

With respect to the panels, it is planned to have 25 panels on each side of the enclosed promenade garden lounge on the Promenade Deck with the panel control desk at the head of the stairway by the elevator on the Promenade Deck where it was last time. The position of this desk has been indicated by the letter "P" on the enclosed plan.

It should be noted that at the rear of each enclosed section of the garden lounges, there is a doorway outside of which it is suggested that guards be placed.

In lieu of review panels, it would seem that liaison among the State Department, the Office of the Coordinator of Travel Control, and the FBI, would be much more efficient and it is planned that these persons will occupy and be available in the library in the fore part of the Promenade Deck.

In order to avoid confusion as to where the various categories of persons are to go, it has been suggested that the American diplomats and personnel of the State Department be requested to congregate a half-hour after the yellow quarantine flag comes down in the cabin-class lounge in the center of the Promenade Deck. Similarly, it is planned that the Latin-American diplomats be requested to congregate in the cabin-class smoking room in the rear of the Promenade Deck. Between these two groups there should be placed a sufficient number of guards until each of these various groups is properly identified.

With respect to that identification, it is planned that a representative of this office will check off the names of each and everyone of the respective groups on a list made up for each group, following which each of the persons will be given a diplomatic landing card with which they will be admitted to the identification section on A Deck, the deck below where their papers are verified by the State Department files and the Immigration officers.

The members of the Latin non-official group should be requested to congregate on the starboard side of the cabin-class dining salon on D Deck. It is contemplated that if they are merely to be identified, the same procedure will be used with that group as is to be used with the diplomatic officials. On the other hand, if they are to be interviewed by panels, they can then be directed to pass through the proper control desk.

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It is contemplated that upon the completion of a panel, if the interviewing agents do not deem it necessary to detain the passenger, he will be given a landing card which would then permit him to have his papers verified by the identification section on A Deck following which he could then depart from the ship and have his baggage examined on the dock.

With respect to the American non-official group, it is contemplated that each and everyone of them will be interviewed by a panel and, accordingly, it is suggested that they be interviewed in alphabetical order to avoid any criticism that certain persons received favored attention. Notification that the American non-official group would be so interviewed, could be given to them by means of a mimeographed bulletin which could be distributed aboard the vessel as soon as the Agents arrived after the ship was cleared at quarantine. These persons would then be requested to present themselves to the main control desk on A Deck from which they would be directed to a panel control desk and panels on the Promenade Deck. It is not believed advisable to have them congregate in any one portion of the ship in view of their large number and the fact that many of them might have to wait in that one spot for a considerable length of time.

A meeting has been scheduled for representatives of the State Department, MID, ONI, INS, Customs, and Coast Guard for 10:00 A.M. Friday, March 10, 1944 in this office, at which time it is expected that final arrangements will be made with the proper persons in order to carry out the above arrangements or any amendments recommended as a result of the conference to be held in Washington prior to that meeting.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee

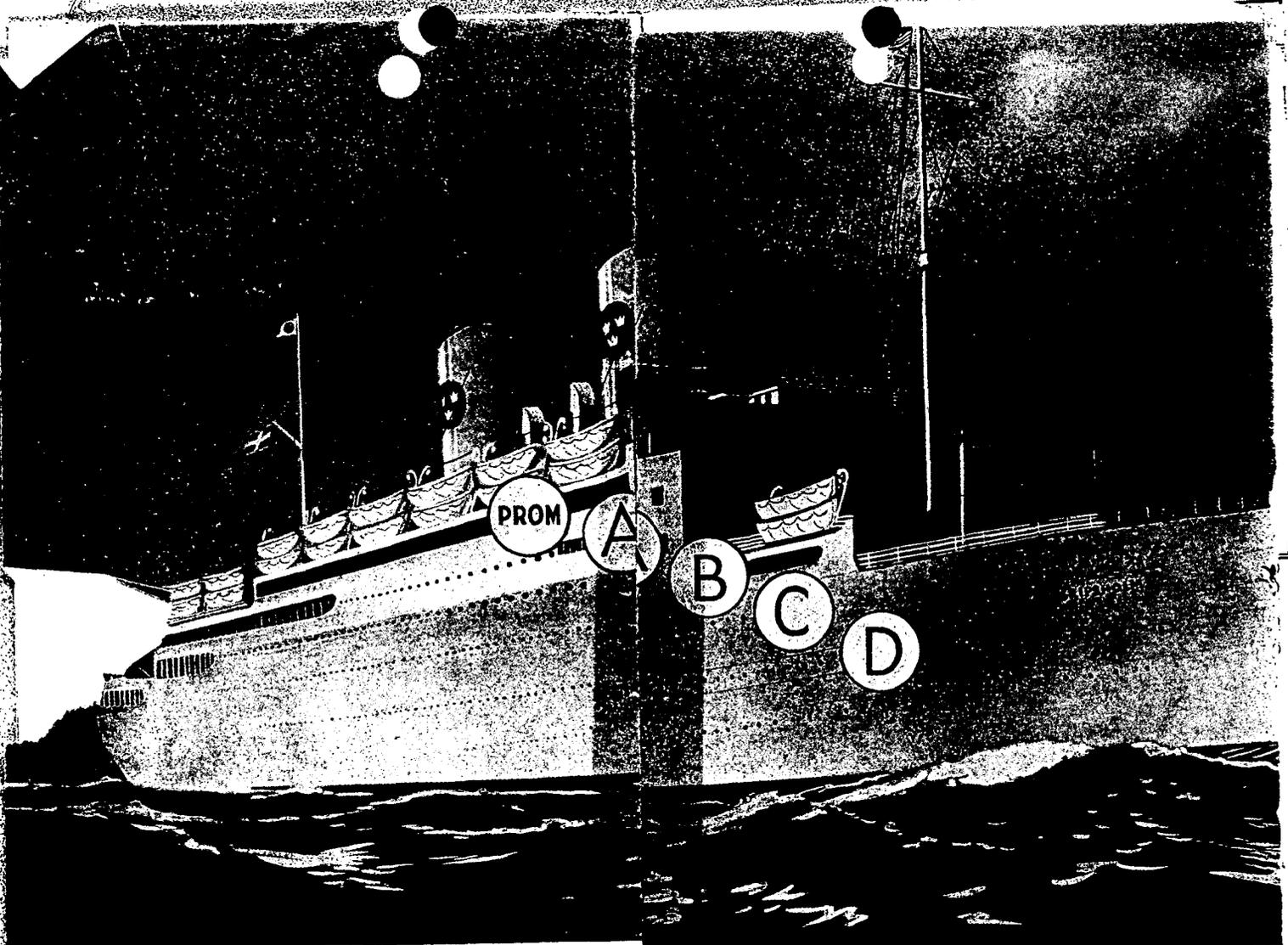
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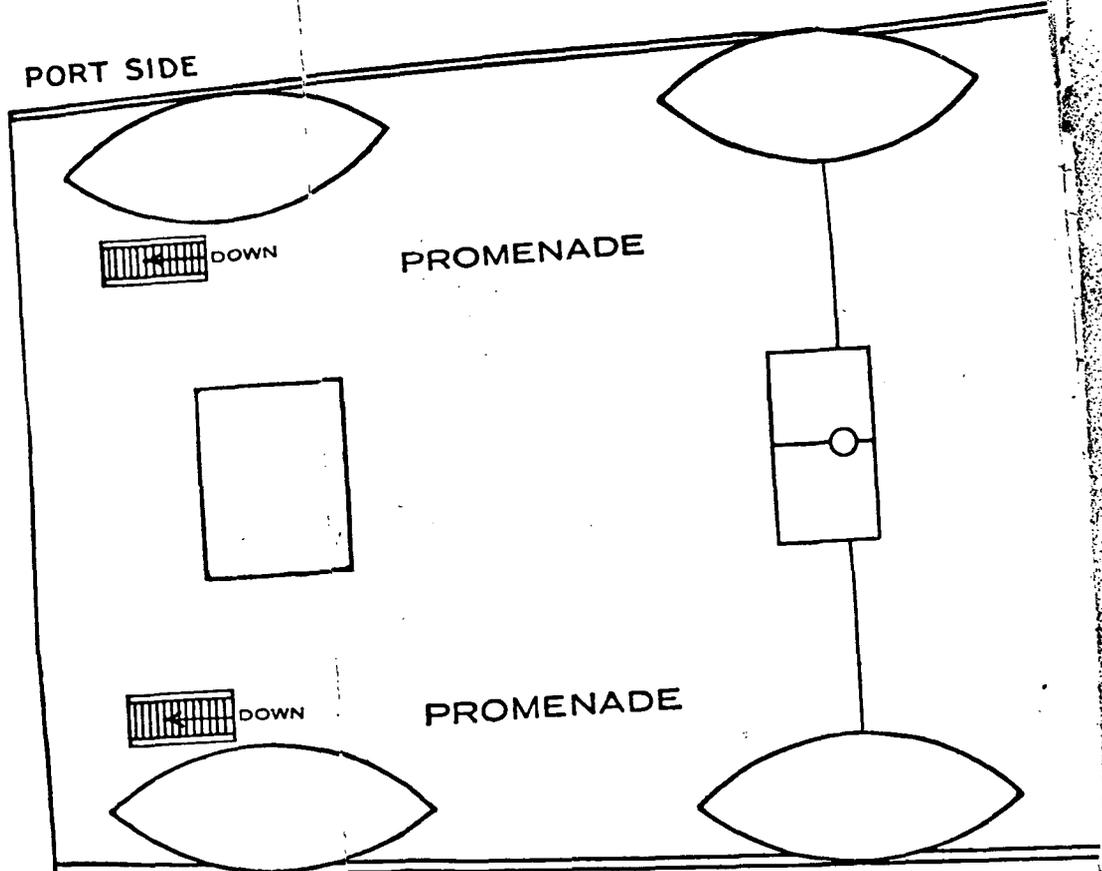


The Motorliner GRIPSHOLM - showing the location of the various decks.

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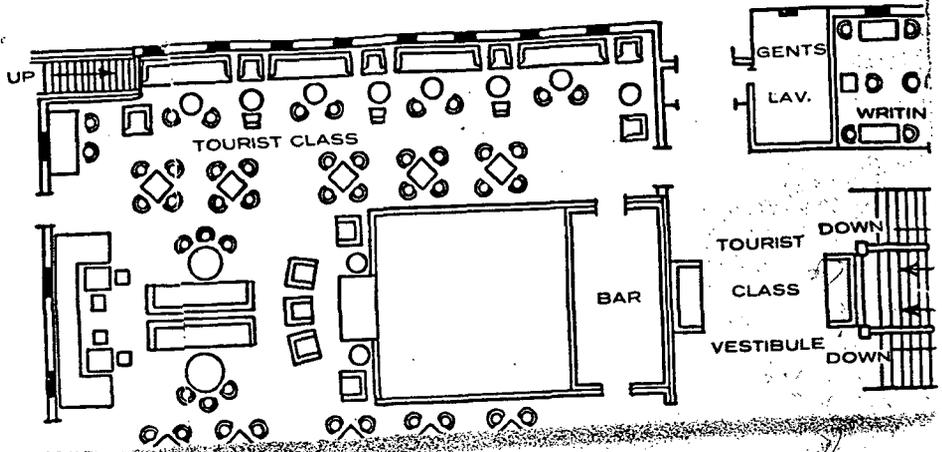
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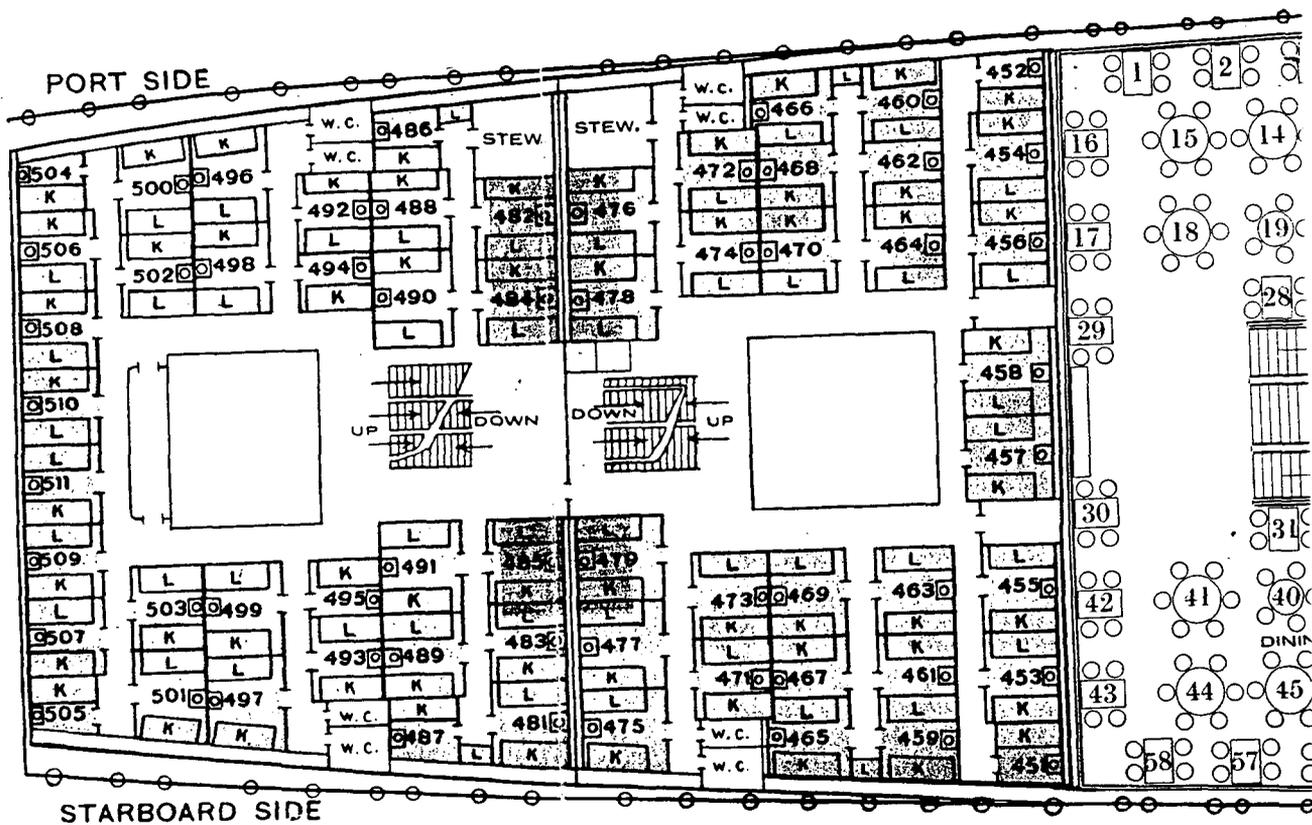
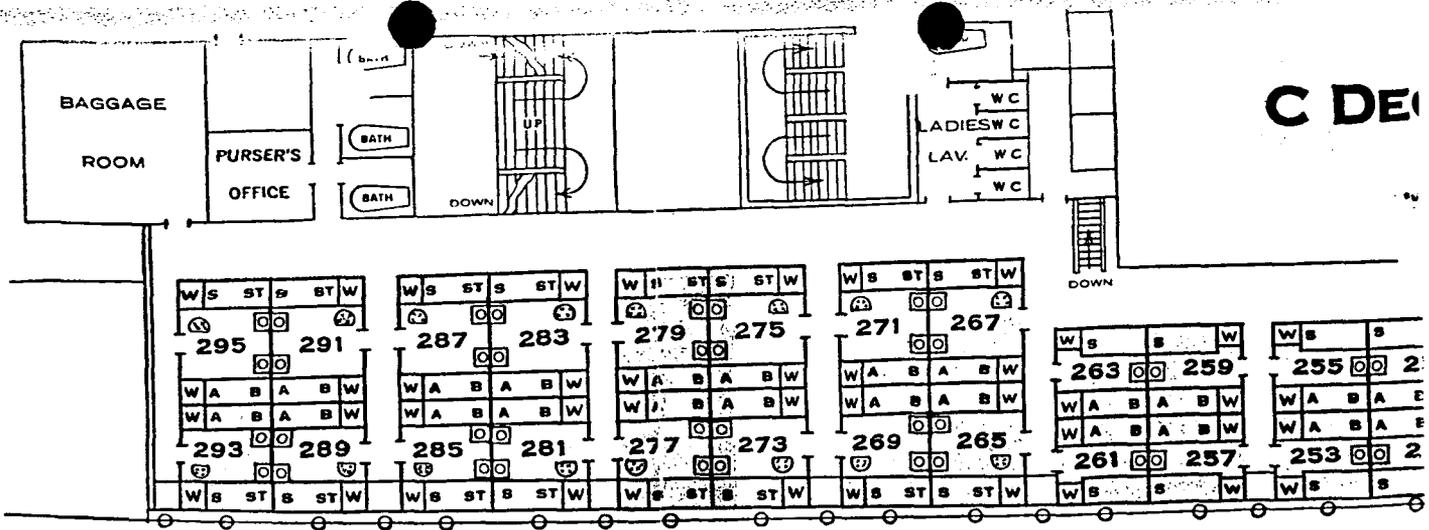


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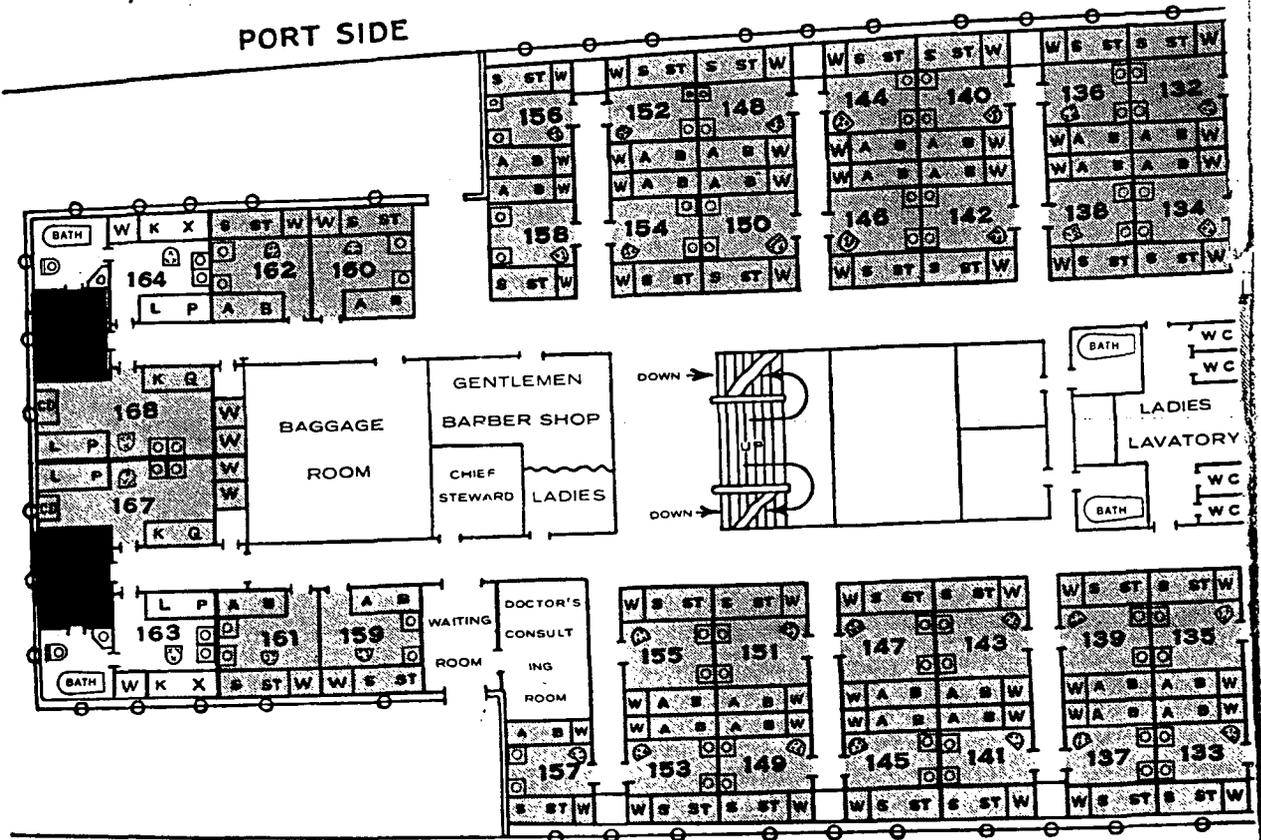




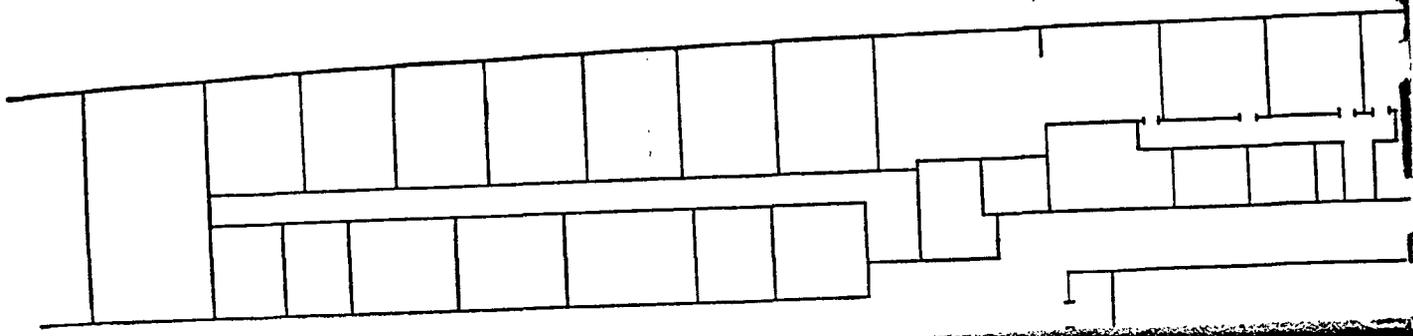
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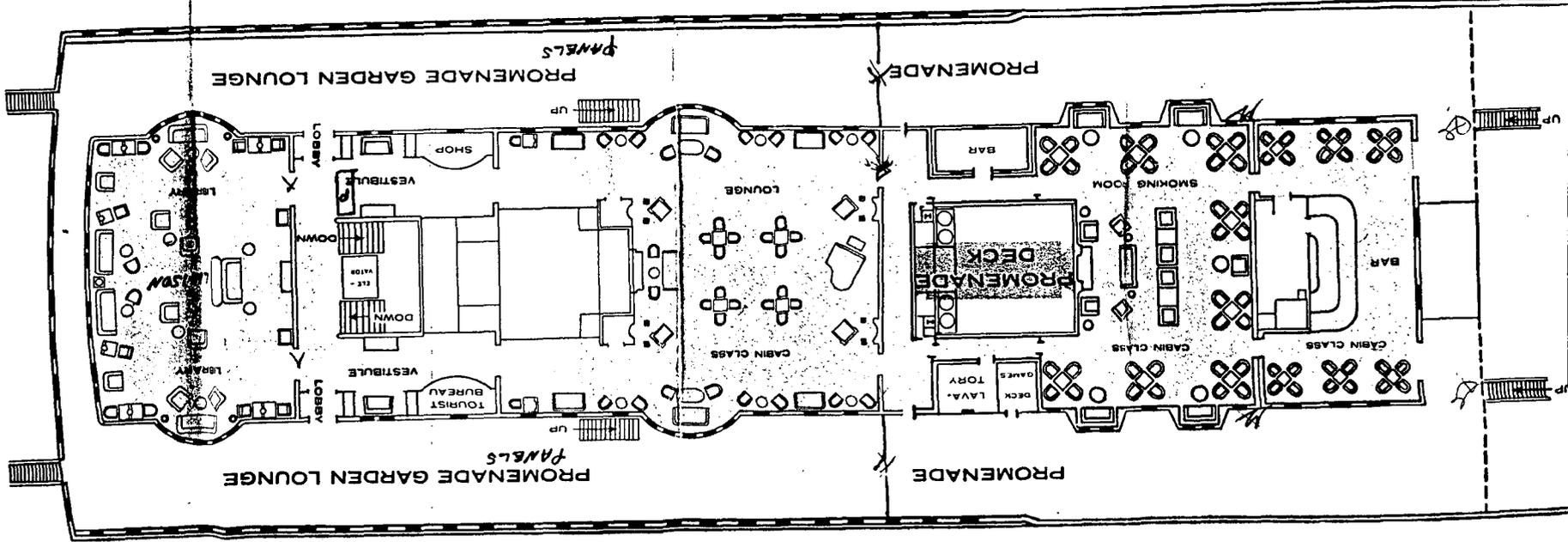
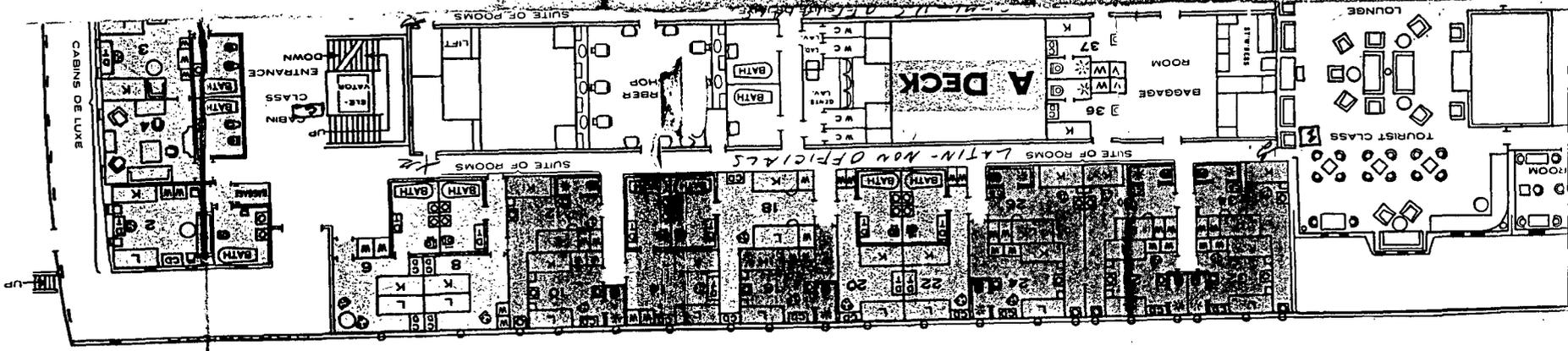
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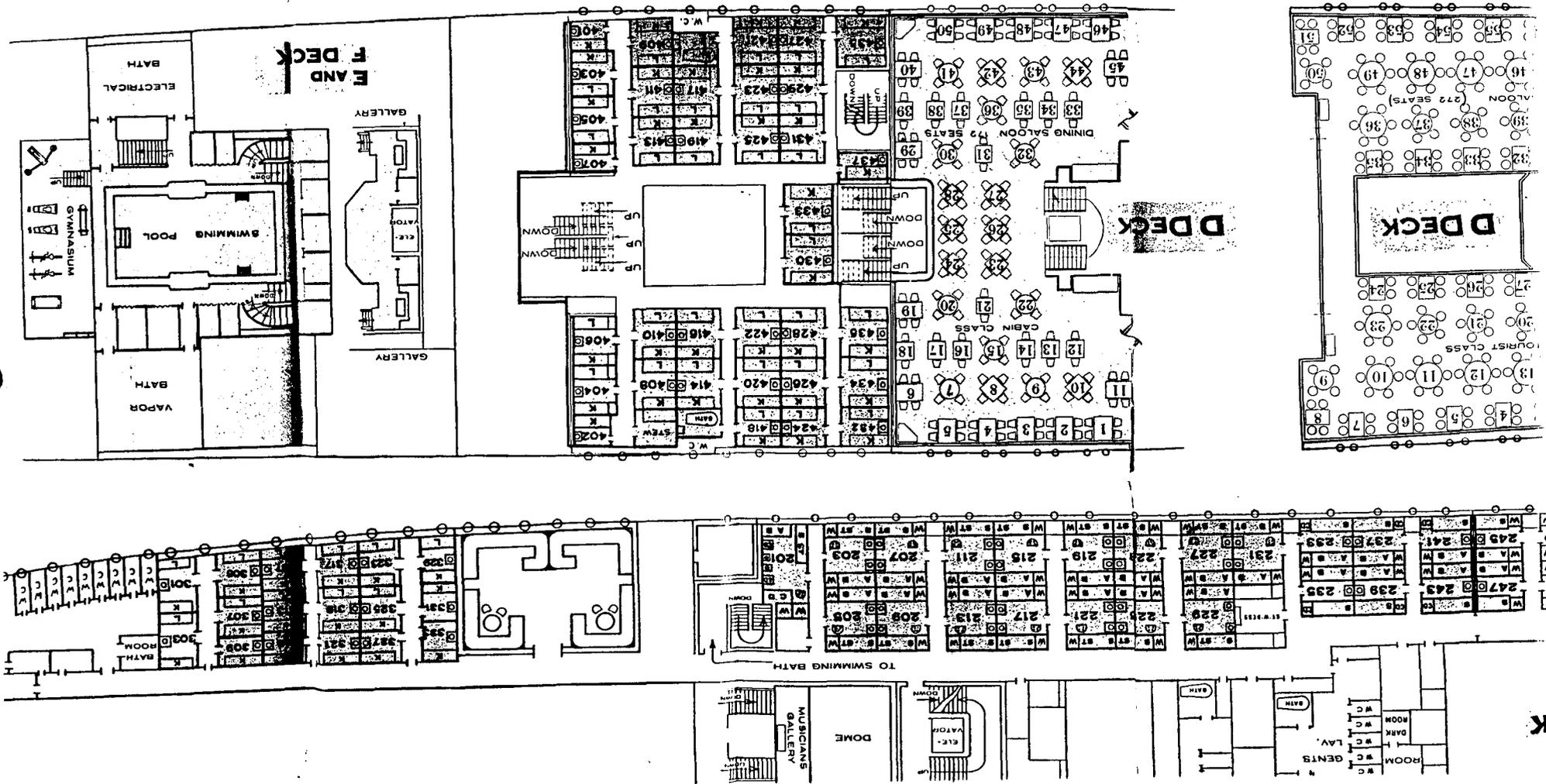
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-  Cabin class rooms for two and three.
-  Cabin class rooms for two, three, or four persons (families only).
-  Interchangeable cabin class.
-  Tourist class public rooms.
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- K) — Bedsteads.
- L)
- B)
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- W — Wardrobe.
- CD — Chest of drawers.
- DT — Dressing table.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: REQUESTS FOR LISTS OF NAMES AND
ADDRESSES OF PASSENGERS ABOARD
"MS GRIPSHOLM"

You will recall that Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Field Division requested a list of the names and addresses of the passengers aboard the "MS Gripsholm" which recently docked at Jersey City, New Jersey. He desired this list for distribution to the various economic agencies who regularly attend a meeting in New York City.

Colonel [redacted] of MIS advised SAC McKee that such information should not be disseminated by the Bureau as such information was of interest solely to the Military Authorities. SAC McKee was instructed to prepare the list and furnish it by letter to SAC Conroy and advise him to contact Colonel [redacted] and determine if he has any definite objection for the economic agencies receiving the list.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: PASSENGERS ARRIVING ON THE
M.S. GRIPSHOLM
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

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At 12:25 A.M. March 17, 1944 Agent [redacted] of the Newark Field Division called to advise that SAC McKee at Newark wanted you to know the Gripsholm had cleared at 11:10 P.M. on March 16, 1944, with the exception of 15 questionable cases which they expected would clear within the first hour of questioning on the morning of the 17th.

Respectfully,

John H. Devlin

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SAC, Newark
Attention: Special Agent [redacted]

March 9, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SS GRIPSHOLM EXPECTED TO ARRIVE
JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, March 14, 1944
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Information has just been received from the State Department, Washington, D. C., to the effect that the following persons claimed that they were being separated from their families and being repatriated against their will. They were reportedly embarked only after great difficulty, and each signed a promissory note covering the cost of his passage "under protest." They are as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] was also listed; however, his name does not appear on the passenger list previously furnished to you and the Bureau has no information available concerning him at this time.

The names listed above have been searched through the Bureau files; however, either no record was found of them, or their names could not be identified with any previous information. You will, of course, receive any information concerning them which the Bureau obtains from the Department of State files.

In view of the information set forth above, these persons should be questioned most thoroughly. At the time they are interviewed by the Panel Boards their citizenship should be definitely established and all possible information obtained.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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RE: "MS GRIPSHOLM"

You will recall that the writer proceeded to Newark, New Jersey, to observe the handling of the "MS Gripsholm", which brought to the United States American nationals from German internment camps. The Gripsholm arrived at quarantine at 1:00 p.m. on March 15, 1944, and Bureau Agents boarded the vessel at quarantine at 1:45 p.m. There were 679 passengers aboard the vessel.

Immediately upon boarding the vessel, the diplomats from both the United States and South American countries were handled and a panel set up ready to operate when the vessel docked at the pier at Jersey City, New Jersey at 3:45 p.m., March 15, 1944.

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As far as the Bureau was concerned, the operation moved smoothly, although considerable congestion took place at the Review Board. You will, of course, recall that the Department desired that a Review Board review each case of the civilian passengers in view of the fact that the possibility existed that a large number of persons had expatriated themselves. The Review Board consisted of representatives of the State Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service, MIS and the Department. An FBI Agent sat as a member of the Board in an advisory capacity. It was determined that certain members of the Board, particularly the Department representatives, were questioning the passengers concerning other matters outside of expatriation and, of course, this resulted in the passengers being detained at the Review Board in most instances for a long period of time. The State Department representatives became aroused at this situation and endeavored to have a representative of the Department of Justice, discontinue the Review Board, except to handle only doubtful cases. [redacted] finally agreed at approximately 4:00 p.m., on February 16, 1944, and only reviewed those cases in which there was doubt as to the citizenship of the passenger, and, of course, those cases in which the Bureau Agents were of the opinion that further investigation should be made for security purposes. The passengers moved faster thereafter. At 11:10 p.m. on March 16, 1944, all passengers had been interviewed, however, there were 15 cases in which further investigation was deemed necessary. Teletypes had already been sent out by the Newark Field Division and these individuals were handled during the morning of March 17, 1944. At 11:00 a.m., March 17, 1944, the vessel was entirely cleared.

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There were approximately 80 individuals sent to Ellis Island, 28 of which were for further clarification of citizenship status by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The remaining individuals were sent to Ellis

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Island for further interview and check for security purposes.

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Further difficulty also occurred on the vessel as [redacted] who was [redacted] of the pier, American Export Lines, insisted that the Gripsholm would have to be moved by 11:00 a.m. on March 17, 1944, to make room for vessels constituting a part of a convoy. This problem has more or less occurred on other trips of the Gripsholm, as the State Department has frequently insisted that the vessel would have to be moved from the pier. The allegations of [redacted] were doubtful as when the writer left the vessel at 11:00 a.m., no steps were being taken at that time to move the Gripsholm.

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For your information also, MIS participated in the interviews with the passengers, but ONI did not participate. However, [redacted] of Washington and Lieutenant [redacted] of ONI at New York boarded the vessel and observed the activities. Lieutenant [redacted] advised the writer that in his opinion a swell job was done on the ship by the FBI. No comments were made to the writer by [redacted]

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In my observation, it is believed that the Review Panels will hereafter be disbanded, which recommendation has previously been made by the Bureau and it is believed that no further efforts will ever be made to place such a board on board any repatriation vessel in the future. During a conversation with [redacted] and [redacted] of the State Department, they made no derogatory comments concerning the activities of the Bureau, but were very strongly against [redacted] and the Review Board procedure. Both were well pleased that the vessel was cleared during the night of March 16, 1944. It was brought to the attention of both [redacted] and [redacted] that the State Department did not furnish a list of passengers to the Bureau until March 8, 1944, and the summary of information contained in the State Department files on the passengers was not furnished until two or three days thereafter. In quite a number of instances no summary was received at all. It was pointed out that if such information had been received in advance, that a thorough investigation could have been made of all the passengers, which would have expedited the handling of the vessel. [redacted] stated that he was well pleased in the manner in which the vessel was handled by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

J. C. Strickland
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: MS GRIPSHOLM

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You will recall that there are a number of non-official Latin-Americans returning on the Gripsholm who will be interviewed by Bureau Agents, and in view of the fact that these individuals may not be able to speak English, the New York Field Division was requested to have ten or twelve Spanish speaking Agents from that office report to the Newark office to be available to interview such individuals when they arrive.

ASAC Wiand of the New York office called & advised that they have received a letter from the Bureau informing them that former SIS Agents who were previously on undercover assignments should not be used in the FTC program. ASAC Wiand was advised that the passengers aboard the Gripsholm were returning from Germany, and the majority of SIS Agents were in South America. Therefore, there is no objection to using these Agents on the Gripsholm.

Respectfully,

J. C. Strickland
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Director, FBI

Re: FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Dear Sir:

As the Bureau knows, the M. S. GRIPSHOLM, repatriation vessel under charter by the State Department, arrived in quarantine off Jersey City, New Jersey on the morning of March 15, 1944 and docked at 3:45 p.m. on the same date. Interviews and paneling of all passengers was completed at 11:10 p.m. on March 16th.

The routine followed in handling the incoming passengers for purposes of either clearance or detention was to first have them completely interviewed at an interview panel made up of an Agent and an S.I.D. representative, following which each and every case was taken before a review panel composed of representatives of the Department of Justice, Department of State, Immigration and Naturalization Service and S.I.D. of the Army. A representative of the FBI was also present at this review panel in order to introduce the Agents and coordinate the furnishing of necessary data to the review panel.

After a decision had been reached by the review panel, the passenger was then examined by the State Department representatives for documentation and, lastly, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for a citizenship check.

I was present on the ship during the entire procedure, as was Mr. James Strickland of the Bureau. It is my observation that some changes could be made in the procedure of handling these incoming passengers in order both to save time and to make the process less tedious both for the handling officials and the passengers. I feel that the review panel is almost entirely surplusage and I should like to recommend that in the processing of future repatriation ships where large numbers of passengers are involved that the same procedures be used as have been used in the past with the exception of the review panel, and it is my recommendation that the review panel be eliminated as such. Instead, I should like to recommend that one panel, to be known as an advisory panel, be set up for the express purpose of advising with the members of interview panels who have questionable cases. I feel that the advisory panel could well consist either entirely of Bureau personnel or possibly of Bureau personnel and one representative of each of the other agencies mentioned.



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March 24, 1944

I feel further that in planning the processing of the ship it will be highly desirable to limit the representatives of the various handling agencies to those persons who will be actually functioning in the processing. It is observed that there were some instances on the M. S. GRIPSHOLM at the time of her last arrival where representatives of some agencies were present during the entire period that she was being processed who had no particular function on board and who at times hindered the functioning of the handling officials. This matter could probably best be handled in the usual conference at the Seat of Government.

The observations of the Bureau as to these recommendations will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



S. K. MCKEE
SAC

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April 3, 1944

SAC, Newark

Re: FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1944, in which you set out your observations concerning the handling of the MS GRIPSHOLM which recently docked at Jersey City.

This is to advise that your observations have been noted, and should further repatriation agreements be entered into by the State Department, your recommendations will be kept in mind.

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PASSENGERS "MS GRIPSHOLM"
Arrived Jersey City, New Jersey, March 15, 1944
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

Reference is made to your letter dated March 27, 1944, requesting that your Office be furnished with additional blank forms to be used in furnishing information to the Foreign Economic Administration.

Pursuant to your request, there is attached an additional supply of these forms.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: June 7, 1944

FROM : MR. STRICKLAND

SUBJECT: MS GRIPSHOLM

[redacted] of the State Department called and advised that she understood one of the passengers on the Gripsholm, [redacted] and that she had some information concerning [redacted] which might be of interest. She stated that this individual was born [redacted]. His father, William, was a naturalized citizen, having received his papers on November 6, 1920, at Providence, Rhode Island. She stated that [redacted] was repatriated to the United States on March 15, 1944. The father died on January 8, 1944, in the Canal Zone, [redacted].

She was advised that this information would be furnished to the Newark Field Division.

[redacted] desired to know the names of the passengers who are still being held at Ellis Island who were repatriated to the United States on the last trip of the Gripsholm which arrived at Jersey City on March 15, 1944.

SA [redacted] of the Newark office telephonically advised that the Special Agents boarded the Gripsholm at Quarantine at approximately 1:00 P.M. on June 6, 1944, and 8 panels were operating at 3 P.M. He stated that thirty-eight interviews were conducted and the ship was cleared at 10:30 P.M. on June 6, 1944. He advised that [redacted] He had in his possession some addresses which should be checked, and was acquainted with [redacted] who was a passenger on the Gripsholm arriving in the United States on March 15, 1944, and who is presently being investigated as a possible [redacted] connection with his association with [redacted]. He advised that the Immigration Service is holding 14 individuals whose papers were not in order.

SA [redacted] also advised that one passenger, [redacted] was dressed in an American army uniform and had received the Purple Heart. He advised that this individual deserted the French Foreign Legion and joined the American army and was assured that his citizenship status would be taken care of. However, he was captured before any steps were taken, and some of the Army personnel furnished a fictitious serial number. The military authorities at New York stated that in their opinion he was not a member of the military service and would not treat him as such and insisted that the FBI might desire to hold him for further check. He was thoroughly interviewed and no hold was placed by the FBI. However, he is being held by the Immigration Service more or less at the insistence of the Army for the purpose of determining if any person can be located who will vouch that he will not become a public charge.

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Memo for Mr. Ladd

b7c SA [redacted] advised that everyone seemed to be satisfied with the handling of the Gripsholm and that there were no complaints. He stated that there was a slight misunderstanding by the captain of the vessel when a request was made to hold 13 crew members who boarded the vessel at Barcelona, Spain. The captain issued orders that no crew members were to be given shore leave. However, this matter was eventually straightened out with the captain when he was informed that the FBI only desired that the 13 new crew members be detained aboard ship for interview. They are being interviewed today, June 7, 1944.

With reference to the last trip of the Gripsholm, the following individuals are still being held at Ellis Island by the FBI:

[redacted]

b7c The above information was telephonically furnished to [redacted]

J. Ladd