

ARMY PEARL HARBOR BOARD EXHIBIT No. 53

LABORATORY REPORT

File # 65-33780-697
Lab # 60015

Re: HMAR; C. W. Smith; Espionage (G).
Examination requested by: San Francisco
Reference: Letter of October 23, 1941 Appel
Examination requested: Document
Specimens:

The following specimens are all photostatic copies:

- K1 One Informal Entry form No. 557109, in name of Mrs. J. H. Marsman.
- K2 One Baggage Declaration No. 871743, in name of Arthurita Randall.
- K3 One Border Declaration No. 329227, in name of J. H. Marsman.
- K4 One Baggage Declaration No. 871574, in name of Julio Lopez.
- K5 One Baggage Declaration No. 871561, in name of Joseph A. Coppola.
- K6 One Baggage Declaration No. 871652, in name of Paul Bakhar.
- K7 One Baggage Declaration No. 871573, in name of Fruzan U. Kurtz.
- K8 One Baggage Declaration No. 871761, in name of Bliss Wiant.
- K9 One Baggage Declaration No. 871724, in name of P. D. Klehn.
- K10 One Baggage Declaration No. 871751, in name of Rolf Singer.

The conclusion has been reached that specimens Q1 and Q2 in this case were not written by any of the individuals whose known handwritings have been listed as specimens K1 through K3 and K5 through K10 respectively.

For your information the known specimens listed above as K1 through K10 which were submitted by your office now reflect the following identifying Laboratory numbers: K135 through K145 in the case entitled, "Fred Ludwig, et al., Espionage—G." (Bureau File 65-33780). Particular attention is invited to the known handwriting specimen of Julio Lopez, K4, which is now listed as specimen K139 in the "Fred Ludwig" case.

It has been concluded that specimens Q1 and Q2 in the instant case were written by Ulrich Bonder Osten, alias Julio Lopez, K139. It has also been concluded that specimens Q47, Q48, Q56, Q78 and Q79 in the "Fred Ludwig" case were written by Lopez, K139.

However, no conclusion was reached whether the secret ink writing appearing on specimen Q37 was written by Lopez, K139. In this connection, the attention of the New York Field Division is invited to the secret ink writing appearing on specimen Q37. If it is possible to obtain the original of this specimen or at least the original photostatic or photostatic copy of this specimen additional evidence may be developed which will permit advancing a definite conclusion with respect to this specimen. This seems particularly desirable inasmuch as this specimen appears to be signed "Konrad" which may indicate that "Vonder Osten" alias "Lido" was the "Konrad" first referred to in the original information on which the investigation was instituted.

It is also noted that specimen Q101, the passport of Vonder Osten contained an insufficient quantity of writing to be used as the sole known specimen. This is mentioned as it may be desirable to ascertain whether other writings may be proven as known specimens of this subject for purposes of testimony.

For future reference photographic copies of specimens Q1 and Q2 are being forwarded to the New York Field Division.

Henceforth, these specimens, Q1 and Q2, also Q3 in this case, will be identified as specimens Q1173 through Q1175 in the Fred Ludwig case. A photographic copy of specimen K139 will be forwarded to your office in the next several days.

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A. Honolulu (Island of Oahu)

Strong concentration of troops of all kind. Said to be 40000 Army and as many Navy. Lately arrived: 1500 technicians, more expected. Mainly for Army barracks and fortification MoKapua (see map). Harbor SW MoKapua is being

readied as sea plane base. Barracks for army are being built near Schofield B. (Wheeler Field and west of it, and esp. between Pearl Harbor-Honolulu. Milit. roads are being constructed or are completed (very well) all over island. On side of roads milit. cables are being put in ground. All milit. establishments prohibited for civilians, 57 officers of the F. B. I. are said to be in Oahu alone. Questioning can't be done too openly.—*Army*: seen: 17 Field Art. Regt.—64 searchlight unit (what kind?), land mission troops no number showing. *Navy*: Said to be stationed in Pearl Harbor & rest of islands 150 units of all kinds. Seen in harbor about 50 vessels at least; 5 armoured ships, big (battleships?), Saratoga and other, very small aircraft carrier, the last one outside of harbor, other big one besides Saratoga said to be there.—Seen several units of destroyers (each 4 of them tied to other, slightly higher, outmoded looking ship. Seen destr. No. 372, 383, 374, 375. Couldn't read other numbers.—1 drydock 1000 ft. stationary, other swimming dock of same length said arrived recently. Along east side of harbor (near submarine station) about 80 fuel tanks (20 in diameter—10 in height).—*Airforce*: Nothing to be seen, save a few planes in air. Main bases southwest Pearlharbor, south of Schofield Barracks and for sea planes Mokapu bay. Plenty of auxiliary or emergency fields completed or in construction all over island.—Fortifications: said to be very strong ones everywhere. Seen 2 forts between Waikiki-beach and Honolulu (eastside of Waikiki). Crater of Diamondhead said containing lots of guns, esp. howitzers. Point farthest to right on photo has lookout, said to be main fire-control for guns in craters.—

Evacuation of white women said to be considered on account of many soldiers, that maybe cannot be held under control.—High labor wages: 400—600\$ a month.—

This will be of interest mostly to our yellow allies, are you interested? Might be good idea to despatch observer, if you are. Want me to find somebody? Link in Shanghai has got Honolulu papers (1 morning, 1 evening paper) through me, rather revealing stuff to read!

Seems to be still better so send somebody to Puerto Rico: Follow passenger, Lt. Cdr., been there in december says about Puerto Rico: Garrison up to now 12,000, of whom 5000 army. Improvements cost up to now \$50 million, expected to cost the double altogether.—Dry dock Isla Grande 670 x 270 feet, access to it not yet made. Air patrols day and night between Miami & British Guyana. *Airforce*: In Isla Grande accomodation in progress for 50 bombers and 100 pursuitships. (Here garrison of 65th Infantry.)—Main *Army-airbase*: Punta Boringuen (at Mona-Passage), stationed 4000 men and 2000 civil technicians. 1 pursuit and 2 bomber groups.—Auxiliary bases: Juana Diaz (near Ponce), here stationed 36. Pursuit group. 48. Air base Group expected with 2000 men. (In Punta Boringuen stationed now: 24. Airbase Group (formerly Kelly field) and 25. Bombardment group (from Langley Field).—Further auxiliary airbases: Arecibo (between San Juan & Boringuen; Mayaquez on west coast; St. Croix (Virgin Islands).—

Critic: lots of waste, food difficulties feared in case of war (even now 1000 tons of food alone has to be imported *daily*. No air shelters.

New York: Police headquarters for port-control: Barge-office on southernmost point of "Battery."

Munitions and Fuel ships are loaded in three different places from barges (out of quais.) Especially at Gravesend-Bay. Maybe too at New York Foreign Trade Zone (Staten Island), where airplanes, tractors and so forth are being shipped to England. This zone is equipped with "electrical eyes" for safety against spies and sabotage.

Nitrate plant in Hopewell, Virg. (said to be biggest in States) said to be ready for guncotton production in case of necessity.

Smith, please send on to Carl—82, with map & photo. H(illegible)

(The remaining portion of Exhibit No. 53 consists of photostatic copies of an envelope addressed "C. W. Smith, Esq.", a scene at Waikiki, and the reverse side of the indicated envelope. This material will be found reproduced as Items Nos. 60 and 61, EXHIBITS-ILLUSTRATIONS, Army Pearl Harbor Board.)