

ARMY PEARL HARBOR BOARD EXHIBIT No. 60

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DIVISION OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

Op-16-B-7 (G)

Date: 14 AUGUST 1944.

Memorandum for Army Pearl Harbor Board. Attn. Major Clausen, Room 4743,  
Munitions Building.

Subject: ROHL, Hans Wilhelm.

Enclosure:

- (A) Copy ONI card, 2 Oct. 1940, Subject: ROHL, H. W.
- (B) Copy 11ND NIS Rept., 17 Oct. 1940, Subject: ROHL, H. W.
- (C) Copy 11ND NIS Rept., 5 March 1941, same Subject.

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Wallace S. Wharton,  
WALLACE S. WHARTON,  
Captain, U. S. N. R.

BY HAND

Copy of ONI Card, 2 October 1940:

ROHL, H. W.

ONI

Information from \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, Calif. that subject has obtained all important contracts to construct San Pedro breakwater; that the subject keeps a yacht which was constructed in Germany and maintains a full German crew aboard; that subject and his crew are well informed concerning Naval activities; that subject is "a hard-boiled character" and informant believes he and his crew would stop at nothing to accomplish purpose. Conduct appropriate investigation.

ND-11-12

2 October 1940.

[Stamped:] Office of Naval Intelligence. Received in B-3 2:30 pm. Oct. 29, 1940. FGC.

UNITED STATES NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
INVESTIGATION REPORT

Date: OCTOBER 17, 1940.

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Subject: ROHL, H. W.

Report made at: Los Angeles

Report made by: Waldo W. Drake Lt. Comdr. I-V(S) USNR

Period covered: October 14, 1940 Status of case:

Origin of case: ONI card October 2, 1940

Character of investigation: Personal interview with contacts of subject.

Enclosures: ONI card, October 2, 1940 Copy to O.N.I.; 12ND

Source File No.: #20975 ND11/AS-2/QQ ONI File No.:

Synopsis: Careful investigation reveals that subject, and Master of the pleasure yacht "VEGA", Captain Otto MATTHIES are both loyal citizens.

## Comment and recommendations:

- Reporting officer has known subject and MATTHIES since 1926.  
 2. The vessel is manned by 9 U. S. Citizens and 1 Norwegian national, a sailor named Harold HARTVIGSEN.  
 3. Subject and his wife are persons of refinement. At the present time the vessel is only used to carry owner's family and week-end guests to Santa Catalina Isd.  
 4. Informant is a dissatisfied ex-employee.

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## UNITED STATES NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

## INVESTIGATION REPORT

(13)

BIO/ND11/EF30/A8-2  
 Serial LA/bl/573

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SUBJECT: ROHL, Hans Wilhelm, President, ROHL & CONNALLY Co., Los Angeles, California.

Report made at: Los Angeles, California. Date: March 5, 1941.

Report made by: Lieut. A. A. Thomas, USNR.

Period covered: March 4, 1941. Status of Case: Closed.

Origin of Case: Originated from C. A. EMERICK, Customs Agent in Charge, Los Angeles, California.

Source File No.: ND11/EF30/A8-5. Copy to: ONI (2) FBI-LA (1)

## SYNOPSIS:

Subject, German born and resident of U. S. for 25 years, is part owner in firm known as Hawaiian Constructors engaged in confidential construction work for U. S. Army in Hawaii. Also owner of yacht "VEGA" having radio telephone Station KLVC under FCC license. Part of Subject's business in wife's name.

## COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Comment: Inspector DUNN believes subject to have been dishonest in his actions and that his actions indicate possible subversive activity.

Recommendation: In View of the fact that three other agencies of the U. S. are investigating subject it is recommended that this office desist from further action.

Approved:

/s/ B. L. Canaga,  
 B. L. CANAGA,  
 Captain, USN, (Ret.)

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MARCH 5, 1941.

SUBJECT: ROHL, Hans Wilhelm, President, ROHL-CONNALLY CO., business address: 8159 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, California, Residence Address, 4351 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles, California.

1. This investigation is predicated upon information supplied to this office by C. A. EMERICK, Customs Agent in Charge, to the effect that subject is an alien, and is engaged in National Defense projects in violation of H. R. 9822.

2. Investigating office called on Mr. P. B. DUNN, Immigrant Inspector, Bureau of Immigration, Federal Building, Los Angeles, whose active file disclosed the following:—

Subject is not a citizen of the U. S., but filed Form 2214, which is a certificate of arrival, date at present unavailable. Since subject has obtained government work, pressure has been brought to bear to expedite the obtaining of citizenship papers.

Subject is owner of yacht "VEGA", Flagship of the Coast Patrol, which is under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles County. Said yacht has a radio telephone, Station KLVC, necessitating an FCC license. FCC license requires a sworn statement to the effect that owner is a U. S. citizen.

Much of subject's business is in part ownership of wife. As U. S. laws forbid an alien to own more than 25% of stock of a business, it is presumed that subject is using this means to violate law. Subject is 40% owner of firm known as

Hawaiian Constructors, said firm is engaged in very secret construction work for the U. S. Army in construction of antiaircraft bases, underground storage and tunnels, etc., in the defenses of Hawaii.

Subject is 54 years old and has lived in the U. S. for some 25 years.

3. Inspector *DUNN* advises that investigation of subject is now proceeding and that copies of this investigation will be forwarded to DIO, 11ND, San Diego, California. He also advised that the Bureau of Internal Revenue, U. S. Customs Office, is also conducting an investigation.

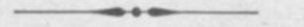
**4. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Comment: Inspector *DUNN*, who is conducting investigation for Immigration Department, feels that subject has been dishonest in his actions and that appearances at this stage of the investigation indicate a possibility of subversive activity. He states subject could very easily engage in subversive activities should he so desire, and that subject's deliberate hiding of non-citizenship status is suspicious.

Recommendation: In view of the fact that three other agencies of the U. S. are investigating subject, it is recommended that this office desist from further action.

**5. INVESTIGATION LEADS:**

None.



**REPORT FROM UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE**

**UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE**

DATE: 1/20/42	COMMUNICATION NUMBER: 1070-420
TO: District Director, Honolulu, Hawaii	FROM: District Director, San Diego, California
FROM: San Diego, California (1070)	DATE OF THIS INVESTIGATION: 1/16/42
RE: None	

Enclosed are copies of letters addressed to Assistant Director by Chief of Bureau Office, Honolulu, Hawaii, dated 1/16/42, and San Diego, California, dated 1/16/42, regarding the subject of investigation. It is noted that the subject of this investigation is being referred to as Mr. William Alexander Dunn and is the subject of an investigation by the Department of Justice, Office of Investigation, San Diego, California, dated 1/16/42.

Respectfully,  
 District Director, San Diego, California

**DISPATCHED BY AIRMAIL**

Mr. Wagon, Honolulu, Hawaii.  
 Mr. [Name], San Diego, California.  
 Mr. [Name], San Francisco, California.

U. S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, JANUARY 20, 1942.

1. Enclosed are copies of letters addressed to the Assistant Director, Honolulu, Hawaii, by the Director of Customs Office, San Diego, California, dated 1/16/42, and San Diego, California, dated 1/16/42, regarding the subject of investigation. It is noted that the subject of this investigation is being referred to as Mr. William Alexander Dunn and is the subject of an investigation by the Department of Justice, Office of Investigation, San Diego, California, dated 1/16/42.

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3. The contents of the enclosed are submitted to the Assistant Director, Honolulu, Hawaii, for his information.