

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **43-384**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 2-11-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-29, 30; 2-8, 9-43	REPORT MADE BY <u>ALBERT N. SPRADLING, JR.</u>
TITLE ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD, with alias Aris Notaras			CHARACTER OF CASE ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: NYAD arrested by Beverly Hills PD and U.S. Immigration Agent, 1-12-43. Subject interviewed 1-29-43, admitted illegal wearing of Greek Naval Uniform. Complaint filed by USA 2-2-43. Subject arraigned 2-3-43 and pleaded guilty before USC; bond set at \$1000. 2-9-43 subject gave signed statement admitting the illegal wearing of a Greek Naval uniform and obtaining money by false representation. - P - DETAILS: This report is predicated upon a newspaper article appearing in the Los Angeles Daily News, January 14, 1943, stating that the Beverly Hills Police Department, January 12, 1943, has arrested Lieutenant Commander ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD who admitted to police that he was illegally wearing a Greek Naval Officer's uniform. <u>AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:</u> ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD was interviewed by the writer at the Los Angeles County Jail on January 29, 1943. Subject stated that he had been wearing several Greek uniforms around Los Angeles, and vicinity and stated that he had done no harm in wearing them. He refused to disclose at that time anyone who had loaned him money on the basis that he was a flying officer in the Greek Air Force, and he further stated that he was with the Greek Air Force at one time and believed that he was entitled to wear the Greek uniform. In order to show his cooperation with Agents, to determine			
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*his good faith in such statements, he gave the writer permission to search his belongings, at the Beverly Hills Hotel. A copy of the permission to search, signed by NYAD, is being held in the Los Angeles Field Division files in instant case.

AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA:

Mr. E. J. CALDWELL, Manager of the Beverly Hills Hotel, Inc., informed Agents SPRADLING and JESTER that he had known subject since approximately September 28, 1942, when subject appeared at his hotel in the uniform of a Greek Flying Officer. Mr. CALDWELL stated that subject called himself, Lieutenant Commander ARIS NOTARAS, of the Greek Air Force. CALDWELL further pointed out that subject had with him a young woman, whom he introduced to Mr. CALDWELL as his wife. Mr. CALDWELL states that subject asked for a suite of rooms for he and his wife, and stated that since he was employed by the Greek Government, that he would make the arrangements to pay as soon as his funds arrived. Approximately two weeks after this couple moved in, the woman who was living with subject approached Mr. CALDWELL and informed him that she was not the subject's wife, that her name was MARY SCHENIDER, and that she desired to take a separate room in the hotel.

Immediately after this, Mr. CALDWELL wrote to subject and asked him if he would pay his bill. Subject informed Mr. CALDWELL that he was unable to do so at the present time. [???] that Mr. CHARLES P. SKOURAS, President of the National Theater Amusement Company, Inc., 1609 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, would guarantee this bill if it was not paid by December 3, 1942. Mr. CALDWELL stated that the bill was not paid by December 3, 1942, and that Mr. CHARLES P. SKOURAS was requested by the Board of Directors of the Beverly Hills Hotel to pay the bill, which amounted to approximately \$543.14. In several days a check was received from Mr. SKOURAS in this amount.

Mr. CALDWELL produced the correspondence between himself and SKOURAS, which showed that SKOURAS believed subject to be an Officer in the Greek Flying Force and told Mr. CALDWELL that he would appreciate any further courtesy that CALDWELL could show this man.

At the end of the interview, with Mr. CALDWELL, he took Agents to subject's baggage and stated that they were perfectly welcome to go through it.

A search of the subject's personal possessions revealed three uniforms, one was a white Greek Naval Officer's uniform with the corresponding white hat to match; attached to this uniform was the flying insignia of the Greek Air Force and on the hat was attached the insignia of the Greek Navy. There was also found a khaki colored uniform containing the same insignia and a blue uniform of the Royal Canadian Air Force, with the Greek Air Corps markings, was also found in subject's possession. In

* I can't confirm that "National Theater Amusement Company, Inc." ever existed. Skouras presided over a company called National Theatres.

addition to this, 200 rounds of ammunition consisting of 50 rounds of .30 caliber automatic rifle ammunition and 100 rounds of 12 gage shot gun shells were discovered. These three uniforms and the ammunition are being retained in the bulky exhibit files of the Los Angeles Field Office.

Captain WHITE of the Beverly Hills Detective Squad Police Department, informed the writer that he along with Special Agent SMITH of the Los Angeles Immigration Office, received a complaint from STEVE CHALKAS of Beverly Hills, California, to investigate subject relative to his living with several women in Beverly Hills. Captain WHITE states that he and Agent SMITH proceeded to subject's hotel and although they did not find any women present, they did ascertain that subject was illegally in this country, having obtained admission through a seaman's passport in New York, and then failing to leave with his ship. He further stated that a German lugur gun, number 4810, was found in the possession of subject, containing three rounds of ammunition in the clip and two other rounds of the ammunition in the subject's grip. This gun was taken as evidence by Captain WHITE, to be used as prosecution against subject in the California State Courts. Captain WHITE and Agent SMITH further found a black uniform in subject's room which was decorated with the gold cord of a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force. This uniform also had the Greek Flying insignia on it in addition to the Greek flag on the right shoulder and the word, "Greece" on the left shoulder. Captain WHITE informed Agents that this uniform was in the possession of the Immigration authorities.

Captain WHITE informed Agents that subject had also appeared on the GINNY SIMS [SIMMS] radio program and that VICTOR KNIGHT of the BLOW Company would be able to substantiate subject's having appeared in uniform to give a radio broadcast.

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA:

VICTOR KNIGHT, Manager of the BLOW Company, Columbia Broadcasting Studios, Sunset and Vine, Hollywood, informed the writer that he had first met subject through Mr. CHARLES SKOURAS, who informed KNIGHT that subject would make an excellent guest for the GINNY SIMS [SIMMS] radio program. Mr. KNIGHT interviewed subject who informed him that he was Lieutenant Commander ARIS NOTARAS of the Greek Air Force, and that he was one of the twenty-six Greeks who had escaped from Greece immediately after its downfall; that he would not appear on the radio program unless Mr. KNIGHT would promise to keep his name a secret from the public, because he did not care to have any further Nazi reprisals against his large family in Greece. He was informed by Mr. KNIGHT that he would receive \$25.00 for his appearance

on the program and that also his picture would appear in the paper. The subject stated that it was alright for his picture to appear in the paper with Miss SIMS [SIMMS], providing that his head was covered in order that the Nazi reprisals on his family would not be furthered.

On January 5, 1943, subject appeared in full uniform on the GINNY SIMS program on the N.B.C. network and informed the radio audience that he was a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force, although he did not use his name. After the broadcast, Mr. KNIGHT stated that various pictures were taken of Miss SIMS and subject, and produced those pictures for the writer's inspection. These pictures are being retained in the Los Angeles Field Division file of instant case.*

AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA:

Mr. **STEVE CHALKAS**,[†] owner of the Steve Chalkas Fur Studio, 267 North Rodeo Drive, stated that he has known the subject for about two years. He first met subject in 1941, when a Mr. TED MICHAEL, partner of the Topper's Jewelry store of Santa Monica, California, brought subject around and told CHALKAS that subject had been stranded in California, that he came from a prominent Greek family, and that he needed some help. CHALKAS talked to subject who told him that he was a former flyer in the Greek Air Force and that he desired to return to Canada or England where he might once again join some branch of the Greek Air Force.

The next time that CHALKAS saw subject was in October, 1942, when subject appeared in Beverly Hills in the uniform of a Greek Naval Airman. He informed CHALKAS that he was in the Greek Air Force. He told him that he had been stationed with the Greek Detachment of the Royal Air Force in Canada for approximately two months time, and that he was then transferred to the British Isles as a personal flyer for the King of Greece. He stated that he had then flown the King of Greece to the United States and that he was now in California to further the Greek War Relief cause.

Mr. CHALKAS stated that the subject began frequenting his place from about November until December 29, 1942; that during this period of time subject was constantly out of funds and would come to Mr. CHALKAS and inform him that he had a check coming to him from the Greek Government in a few days and that he desired a loan. CHALKAS stated that he believed he loaned the subject approximately \$40. or \$50., and that he loaned subject this money solely upon the representation that the subject was a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force, and that he was serving Greece. Subject informed CHALKAS that he was not a reserve in the Greek Air Force, but was with the regular Navy and therefore had a lifetime job and that CHALKAS need not worry about his money. Subject never appeared in the shop, other than in one of his various uniforms and **constantly reminded them that he was to be referred to as Lieutenant Commander.**

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*Aris's appearance got plenty of press. Two examples: "One of 27 Surviving Fliers Of Greece Is on Radio Tonight" (*Buffalo Evening News*), and "Greek Air Ace Broadcasts Thrilling Appeal to Local Gathering at Carter" (*The Cleveland Press*). I haven't located any of the photos from the broadcast.

[†]Granddaughter: Annie Psaltiras, stylist to some stars. anna@thewallgroup.com

ALEXANDER BACKHAUT, employee of the Steve Chalkas Fur Studio, stated that he first met subject in October, 1942, in Mr. CHALKAS' shop. Mr. BACKHAUT informed the writer that he, himself, spoke German very well, having been born in Vienna, and after coming to the United States in early 1900, received a scholarship to go back to Europe for nine years and study music. He stated that he speaks better German than English and is able to ascertain many peculiarities in the German speech which most people would not recognize. He stated that after he informed subject that he spoke German, that subject spoke to him in German only. He informed the writer that subject stated that **he was for six month in the German Luftwaffe in Pottsdam, Germany**. Subject informed BACKHAUT that he was a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force, and further showed BACKHAUT a paper which was proposed to be signed by the German Flying Corps, stating that subject had flown with the German Luftwaffe for six months and had graduated from their advanced flying course. Mr. BACKHAUT further stated that subject spoke excellent German and that he used peculiarities of speech which only one who was very well versed in the German language would use. Subject further informed Mr. BACKHAUT that he was in Germany quite a long period of time and that during that time he was constantly in touch with the German Luftwaffe command.

AT LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA:

Assistant United States Attorney HOWARD V. CALVERLEY authorized the filing of a complaint on February 2, 1943. The complaint was filed February 2, 1943, and a preliminary hearing was held on February 3, 1943, before United States Commissioner DAVID B. HEAD, at which time subject stated that he was going to plead guilty to the illegal wearing of the Greek uniform. Bond was set at \$1000.

The writer interviewed the subject on February 9, 1943, and informed him of the statements which had been gathered against him. Subject stated emphatically that he did not have any connection with the German Luftwaffe, that he had at no time flown in Pottsdam, Germany, and that his only motive in informing people that he was a German was that he wished to catch some saboteurs and spys in the United States. He stated that he would like to make a full confession and the following is a signed statement executed by him:

"Los Angeles, California
February 9, 1943"

"I, ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD, make the following statement to ALBERT M. SPRADLING, JR., who has identified himself to me to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement freely and voluntarily and without force or duress.

I was born in Athens, Greece, June 16, 1919. My father's name is GASON [sic] ZISON NYAD.

"In 1936, I joined the Greek Air Force, and after three years training, I became what is equivalent to a Second Lieutenant in the Greek Air Force. On January 27, 1940, the Greek Air Force presented me with a paper stating that I was a Second Lieutenant in the Greek Air Force and was being returned to civilian life until they might need me in a time of emergency. **I wish to state that I was not a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force**, but had I stayed with the Air Force until the present time, I would now hold that rank.

"On March 15, 1940, I secured a Greek seaman's passport and went to Egypt, staying there for approximately one month. On April 15, 1940, I returned to Greece from Egypt. My uncle, Major General MIXOLOPOULOS, Chief of all the Greek Police, secured for me a seaman's passport, so that I could continue my travels -- this time to New York City, United States of America. I left Greece May 10, 1940, aboard the Greek ship New Hellas, and arrived in New York Harbor May 28, 1940. I decided to stay here in the United States for the next trip of the boat, that is, with a seaman's passport I was to return to Greece when the boat returned, but so many other fellows had been staying for several months until the boat would return that I decided to do the same thing. I realized it's wrong, but since others had done it I figured I might as well follow in their footsteps.

"Then four days after the boat left, Italy declared war, and I had to stay in the United States because the Mediterranean Sea was closed.*

"In August of 1940, I met MARY KALMER, a Greek girl, in New York City. On October 5, 1940, MARY and I were married and went to live in my room. I don't remember the names of the places I lived or any of the places that I worked while in New York City. In October, 1940, I wrote to my family in Greece and requested that they send me all of my military papers, and I took them to the Greek Consul 26th of October and told him of my situation. I tried to enlist in American Air Force but couldn't. In August, 1941, I came to California and met Captain HENWAY, R.C.A.F. Recruiting Service, and he took my papers to a Mr. MAITLAND, of the British Consulate,[†] and they sent them to Canada, where I was accepted as a flyer in the Royal Canadian Air Force on November 29, 1941. I immediately went to Canada and began training.

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* This is a magnificent lie that Aris leavens with enough truth to raise it into plausibility. The Nea Hellas sailed from New York [on June 8](#), 1940, bound for Piraeus. Two days later, Italy entered WWII when it joined Germany in its invasion of France. But that didn't stop the Nea Hellas. It arrived in Lisbon [on June 17](#) and began sailing from there rather than from Piraeus. She made four more trips between Lisbon and New York before the British Ministry of Shipping bought her to aid in the war effort. ["British Ministry of Shipping Buys Nea Hellas."](#) *Chicago Tribune* (Chicago, Illinois), March 27, 1941.

[†] Alasdair MAITLAND was a vice consul in Los Angeles' British consulate in 1941. See ["London Girl Weds British Vice Consul."](#) (Maitland was best man.)

"On December 20, 1941, several of the flyers were coming back to the United States for Christmas, and I decided to come along to see my wife for [?]. When we reached the border, I told the Immigration authorities that I was an American citizen and they let me across without any trouble. I stayed in the United States until approximately December 27, 1941, until my furlough was over. When they stopped me at the border going back to Canada, I forgot to tell them I was an American citizen, but told them I was a Greek, and so I was held by the United States Immigration authorities. Several Greek families of New York States, whose names I do not care to mention, put up a \$500. bond for me, which released me from jail. I stayed around New York State as long as I could, and since all of these families had been giving me money I felt that I couldn't take any more from them, so I returned to New York City, for did not knew that I was doing wrong in skipping out on my bond, but thought that I was doing the right thing. It has been explained to me now that those people had to pay \$500. to the government due to my skipping this bond.

"I think it was about February 29, 1942, when I returned to New York City. I was wearing my R.C.A.F. uniform around New York and was visiting them. I put on civilian cloth and worked in N.Y.C. I thought I could further the Greek cause by putting on the Greek uniform and helping in that way.

"In June, 1942, I bought a Greek Air Force uniform at a New York store. I put it on and wore it around New York for about a month. I had no money, and so I again appealed to various Greek families in New York City to help me out. On the representation that I was a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force these families very willingly helped me out. **All of this time I was trying to help Greek war relief by appearing at various homes throughout New York State and soliciting their aid for the Greek cause.** They, of course, thought that I was a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force. About July, 1942, I went to Chicago, where I visited Dr. N. T. ANTONOPOUNOS,* a Greek doctor. While visiting with him I purchased another Greek uniform, which had the markings of a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force upon it. While in Chicago, I visited various Greek families, who upon the representation that I was a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force. I told these people that I was helping the Greek cause. Mr. ANTONOPOUNOS made me a present of a German Luger and ammunition while I was there and I have carried this at various times, both on my person and in my baggage. I left for Los Angeles from Chicago about August 27, 1942, and arrived in Los Angeles the 29th of September, 1942. On the way out I visited all the Greek families that had been recommended to me by the Greeks in Chicago and New York. I told them all that I was a Lieutenant

* This will turn out to be Dr. C. K. ANTONOPULOS, a dentist. Aris apparently had a bad toothache.

Commander in the Greek Air Force, and they would give me the money to pay my bills and to entertain on. During this entire period of time from June, 1942, until I reached Los Angeles on September 29, 1942, I wore either my white or brown uniform with the insignia of the Greek Air Force upon it.

"At Reno Nevada, I met a girl named MARY SCHENIDER, and she decided to come with me to Los Angeles as my wife. We took a room at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, registering as man and wife, and lived together for two weeks. **I assumed the name of Lieutenant Commander ARIS NOTARAS because I did not care for people to know my real name.** I knew that I was doing something wrong, and I figured that if I hid under the name of NOTARAS my friends in the East would not recognise it.

"After I had been in Los Angeles for a day or so, I went to see Mr. CHARLES SKOURAS, President of Greek War Relief, and explained to him that I was a Lieutenant Commander in the Greek Air Force. I also told him a story about how I had escaped from the Germans and had been able to slip over to the United States. I told him that I wanted to help the Greek cause. On the basis of that I was a Greek Officer, Mr. SKOURAS loaned me various sums of money amounting to forty or fifty dollars, and he further paid a hotel bill for me [???] amount to \$543.41 at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

"On January 5, 1943, Mr. SKOURAS assisted me in getting to appear on the GINNY SIMS Radio Program to speak on my experiences in Greece, and also to tell the people about Greek War Relief. A speech was prepared for me on the basis of what I had told Mr. SKOURAS about my experiences in fighting for Greece, and I delivered this speech over the radio. Many pictures were taken of me at the radio house that night with Miss SIMS. I asked them not to print a picture of my face, explaining to them that it would endanger my family in Greece. However, the real reason was that I knew that it was wrong to appear in this uniform at the radio station.

"During the four months that I have been in Los Angeles I have received quite a bit of money from various Greek families here. I do not care to give the names of all of these families, but one man who assisted me a great deal was Mr. STEVEN CHALKAS, 267 North Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, California. During the period from November 1, until December 30, Mr. CHALKAS advanced me between \$10. or \$15. Some of the other people who helped me are Mr. TED MICHELE, Manager of Topper's Jewelry Store, Santa Monica, California, \$10.

All of these people advanced me money on the basis that I was a Greek Officer in the Greek Air Force. On January 12, 1943, I was picked up by the Immigration Officials and the Beverly Hills Police and taken to the County Jail.

"I have read these five pages which have been written for me, and they are true and correct."

/s/ ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD

"Witness:

M T Boeen Deputy Sheriff

Albert M. Spradling, Special Agent, FBI."

The following is a description of the subject:

Name	Aristotle Zison Nyad
Age	24 years (born 6-16-18, Athens, Greece)
Eyes	Blue
Height	5" 8"
Weight	175
Hair	Black, curly
Scars	None
Beard	Heavy
Peculiarities	Heavy black eyes brows, low forehead, widow's peak. Subject is typically Greek with an oily olive complexion.

- P E N D I N G -

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA:

At 1609 West Washington Boulevard, will contact Mr. CHARLES SKOURAS who is presently in New York City and expects to return to Los Angeles, February 15, 1943.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will report the final outcome and sentence of the subject.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **43-384**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 3/20/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/16, 18, 20, 24/43; 3/1/43	REPORT MADE BY ALBERT M. SPRADLING, JR. KEG
TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD, with alias Aris Notaras, Aristoles Nyad, Aristotelis Naidis, Aristotle Naides, Aristotle Zison Naidis, Aridtotelis Naidis			CHARACTER OF CASE ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject arraigned before Judge LEON R. YANKWICH, U.S. District Court of Southern California, March 1, 1943, and entered plea of guilty to the Illegal Wearing of Greek Uniform. Subject sentenced March 1, 1943, to six months in prison of jail type. Disposition Sheet submitted. Criminal record set out. P. REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ALBERT M. SPRADLING, JR., Los Angeles dated February 11, 1943. DETAILS: The title of this case has been changed to reflect the following additional aliases for the Subject: ARISTOLES NYAD, ARISTOTELIS NAIDIS, ARISTOTLE NAIDES, ARISTOTLE ZISON NAIDIS, ARIDTOTELIS NAIDIS, as reflected by Subject's criminal record and the records of immigration and Naturalization Service. Subject was arraigned before Judge LEON H. YANKWICH of the United States District Court of Southern California on March 1, 1943, and entered a plea of guilty to the illegal wearing of the uniform of a Greek Lieutenant Commander. Subject was sentenced by Judge YANKWICH on March 1, 1943, to six months in a prison of the jail type. A disposition sheet is being submitted to the bureau. A criminal record of the Subject was received from the Bureau on February 22, 1943, and is as follows:			
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PD, Beverly Hills Calif.	ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD #22560	1-12-43	Susp. Viol. Imgr. Reg. Law an Alien Gun Law	Rel. to US Immig. Auth.
USM, Los Angeles Calif.	ARISTOTLE Z. NYAS #11735	2-3-43	Illegal entry	
SO, Los Angeles Calif.	ARISTOLES NYAD #A-13615	1-12-43 (prt.rec. 2-12-43)	Illegal entry	

A description of the Subject is as follows:

Age	- 24 years
Born	- June 16, 1918, Athens, Greece
Eyes	- Blue
Height	- 5" 8"
Weight	- 175
Hair	- Black, curly
Scars	- None
Beard	- Heavy
Peculiarities	- Heavy black eyes brows, low forehead, widow's peak. Subject is typically Greek with an oily olive complexion.

It will be noted that this case is not being closed by the Los Angeles Field Division until an Internal Security investigation of the Subject is conducted, in order to see if Subject is engaged in activities inimical to the interests of the United States. For this reason, his property consisting of uniforms, mail and pictures is being retained in the Los Angeles Field Office.

ENCLOSURE:

TO THE BUREAU -

1 Disposition Sheet.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, will conduct an Internal Security investigation on Subject to ascertain if he is engaged in activities inimical to the United States.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **43-102**

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/1/43	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS N. WATKINS
TITLE ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD, with alias Aris Notaras, Aristotelis Naidis			CHARACTER OF CASE ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM ESPIONAGE - 0

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information from Local Board No. 9, Hoboken, New Jersey, reflects subject registered with that board 10/16/40 giving address of 314 Washington Street, Hoboken; gave employer as Kondes Brothers, 703 East 134th Street, New York City. Subject filed question- naire December, 1940, stated he was born 6/16/19 in Athens, Greece, and educated in Athens. Served Royal Greek Air Force 1937-1940, with no other military service. Subject married, although Immigration and Naturalization, New York City, advise that subject's wife states he married her merely to become citizen of U.S. through her. Subject had a room in Hoboken, N.J. in 1940, but lived most of the time in furnished room in New York City. Subject's wife believed to still reside in Hoboken. Subject classified 4-C, December, 1940. This classification unchanged. Details of subject's questionnaire and description set out in details.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division to Newark dated February 26, 1943.

DETAILS: This investigation is based upon the receipt of reference teletype advising that the subject had entered a plea of guilty to charges of illegal wearing of uniform and was to be sentenced on March 1, 1943 in the United States District Court of Los Angeles. It is to be noted here that the additional alias of ARISTOTELIS NAIDIS, as obtained from the subject's Local Board, is being added to this title. The title is not being marked changed as this is the initial report in the Newark Field Division file.

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Reporting Agent contacted Miss BEATRICE BUCKLEY, Chief Clerk, Local Board No. 9, Hoboken, New Jersey, who gave the following information regarding the subject. ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD registered with Local Board No. 9, Hoboken, New Jersey, on October 16, 1940, giving his address as 314 Washington Street, Hoboken, New Jersey. He stated that he was also known as ARIS NOTARAS and ARISTOTELIS NAIDIS. He gave his employer as Kondes Brothers, 703 East 134th Street, New York City. His Social Security Number was given as 104-12-7871.

He stated that he was married and gave his wife's address as the same as his own. The subject filed his questionnaire with the Local Board in December, 1940. He stated that he was born June 16, 1919 in Athens, Greece, and was educated in Athens with **two years of commercial study at the University of Athens.**

He stated that he served in the Royal Greek Air Force from 1937 to 1940, but had no other military service. He stated that he was married and made \$25 each week, giving the total sum to his wife who lived with him at 314 Washington Street, Hoboken.

Miss BUCKLEY stated that the Local Board received the subject's registration card on December 1, 1941, from Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California, with the remark that the subject had left the United States. This card, she advised, is still in the possession of the Local Board. She added that she had sent a request for his personal history to 314 Washington Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, on July 1, 1942. In return, she received a letter from MARY KALMER at that address stating that the subject had had a room there in 1940, but that he lived most of the time in a furnished room in New York City, address unknown. Mary Kalmer stated that she had last seen the subject in April, 1942.

Miss BUCKLEY advised that she believed MARY KALMER to be the subject's wife and that she is believed to be still residing at 314 Washington Street, Hoboken, New Jersey. Miss BUCKLEY went on to say that the Local Board had received a telephone call from Inspector SCHILLER of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, about the first of February, 1943. In the course of this conversation, Inspector SCHILLER had stated that the subject's wife had told him (Inspector SCHILLER) that the subject had married her has [sic] a purely business matter so that he might become a citizen of the United States through her. Miss BUCKLEY advised that the subject was classified 4-C in December, 1940, and that this classification has never been changed.

The above information as well as a description of the subject was furnished the Los Angeles Field Division by teletype on March 1, 1943.

A description of the subject as obtained from the Local Board is follows:

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Age	23
Date of birth	June 16, 1919
Height	5" 9"
Weight	200 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black and curly
Complexion	Olive
Marital Status	Married
Citizenship Status	Alien
Entry into U.S.	Unknown
Race	Greek
Criminal Record	Unknown
Scars and Marks	None

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43-2628

Date: March 31, 1943
To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD, with alias
ILLEGAL WEARING OF UNIFORM

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Albert N. Spradling, Jr., dated February 11, 1943 at Los Angeles, California.

As soon as you have been advised of the final prosecutive disposition in this case, a report should be submitte

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Reese _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

POLICE TRACE GREEK 'NAVY OFFICER' TRAIL

Illegal Entry Suspect's True
Name, Aris Notaras; Girl
Figures in Investigation

Extensive investigation yesterday had established only one fact in the case of "Lieutenant Commander Aristotle Zison Nyad," 28, who proclaimed himself a Greek naval hero.

The fact was that his true name is Aris Notaras.

Otherwise, he is an imposter de luxe, according to Beverly Hills Police Captain W. W. White, who jailed Notaras last Tuesday.

VISITED NIGHT CLUBS

Before being booked for immigration authorities, Notaras had cut a wide swath in Beverly Hills and Hollywood social life and night club circles, during his three months' stay.

Suave, young and handsome, with raven-black hair that curled in ringlets about his head, Notaras proved to be a better actor than most Hollywood film thespians.

He was honored guest at so- sials, bazaars and benefits. He borrowed important money from the gullible. He was "on the cuff" at one of Beverly Hills' swankiest night clubs.

He lived luxuriously in a smart apartment—for a while with a beautiful blonde girl, said to be a member of a multi-millionaire Eastern family.

And his uniform! It was the clincher for his fabulous stories—of escaping from a Nazi con- centration camp, after fighting

Hero Impostor Widely Feted



ARIS NOTARAS, who posed as Greek navy lieutenant commander and "hero of Athens," shown as he appeared in uniform. Immi- gration authorities hold him.

valiantly in the defense of his native Athens, which he did not.

It was a night club debt, grow- ing into sizable proportion, that started Notaras on his way to jail, Captain White indicated.

The proprietor was getting un- easy. Notaras appeared on a coast-to-coast radio broadcast recently. Ginny Sims, singing star of the program, too, was a little wary of Notaras.

Ginny and the night club owner compared notes. Notaras' arrest followed.

ONCE DEPORTED

Immigration records show that Notaras was arrested shortly after entering the nation ille- gally at New York in November, 1941, after which he was de- ported to Canada, under proviso he join the Canadian army, which he did, as a flying cadet in the R. C. A. F.

It was while on a 10-day leave to the United States that he headed for Hollywood, according to District Immigration Chief Albert del Guercio.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Miss Gandy _____

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
April 2, 1943

RE: ARISTOTLE ZISON NAIDIS, w.a..
ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM
SELECTIVE SERVICE
ESPIONAGE (G)

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are photostatic copies of three documents written in the Greek language. One of these reportedly is the birth certificate of the subject and the others pertain to his service in the Greek Army.

It is requested that translations into the English be made and that if possible information be furnished as to their validity.

Subject has advised that he received aeronautical training in the Royal Greek Air Force from 1936 to 1940 and came to the United States in May 1940. He was recently sentenced to six months in the Los Angeles County Jail on a charge of illegally wearing the uniform, inasmuch as he wore the uniform of the Greek Air Force and obtained considerable money from various individuals in Los Angeles by virtue of his statements that he was an officer in the above organization.

In this connection, reference is made to the papers of Special Agent ROSSE in the above entitled case in which are sent as an enclosure with this letter.

Very truly yours

RTF:GIF
43-384
Enc.

R. B. Hood
SAC

RECORDED

43-2628

Date: June 4, 1943

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ARISTOTLE ZISON NAIDIS, was
Illegal Wearing of the Uniform,
Selective Service; Espionage - G

Reference is made to your letter of April 2, 1943.

You are advised that the photostatic copies of the three documents enclosed therewith have been examined by the Technical Laboratory. Identification was made with the material contained in the National Security file and, inasmuch as the specimens were photostatic copoies, the laboratory could furnish no information in regard to their validity.

The photostats, together with copies of the translations, are enclosed with this letter. The photostats may be identified by certain numbers which appear near the upper left hand corner of each instrument as follows: File Rumber 76454, Serial Number 7392 and Serial Number 11473. These numbers are also indicated on the translations which have been attached to each photostat.

Enclosures

TRANSLATION FROM THE GREEK

KINGDOM OF GREECE
CITY OF ATHENS

(City of Athens)

Office of Service Administration
Army Recruiting Section
File Number 76454

THE GOVERNOR OF ATHENS
DECLARES THAT:

NAIDES, ARISTOTLE ZISON, Greek citizen is recorded in the birth register of our city, under serial number 2/2588, year of birth 1919.

This document was issued upon the request of the person in question to be used wherever needed.

Athens, October 7(?) 1940

The Governor A. Vasiliou(?)

E.K. Kyriazes(?) in charge of the section.

(Reverse side)

CONFIRMATION

We confirm that the undersigned (persons) MINADAKES, JOHN STAVROH[?], age 33, profession[?] Bishop residing in Athens, Themistocles St. No. 3, and KOSMAS PETROS, [???], residing in Athens, Kyrille Loucaris(?) Street, number 60, know (few words illegible) that ARISTOTLE NAIDIS, resides in Athens, Mager 3 Iases(?)

Signed

I. Minadakes
Kosmas Metsouses

(Greek stamp valued at five drachmas)

ENCLOSURE

103504

Serial Number 7392

COPY FROM THE CRIMINAL REGISTER

Model 3

Articles 3 and 4 B.J.

6/4/1938

NAIDES, ARISTOTELES IASON

from the Criminal Register of the Ministry of Justice (Office B.) (1)

Identification elements of the above
(to be complete by the criminal register)

Alias, if there is one..... (2)
Profession.....

Mother's name: Efrosene (Two Greek stamps, on 30 drachmas;
Father's profession..... the other six drachmas.)

Born 1919 in Athens, State of Attica
township of Attica-Biotea(?)
Unmarried.....
.....

We confirm that this paper was given at the request of the above, in accordance with the provisions of articles 3 and 4 of the Royal decree of 6/4/38, on the "Modification of decrees regarding the criminal register."

Athens, October 5, 1940
The Secretary of the Criminal Section,
(illegible)

Note (1): The right name of the Court of Ministry of Justice to be inserted.
Note (2): In case there is no notation of criminal record, the word "zero" is to be written.

(Translator's note: Evidently this paper is the criminal record of the subject, issued upon his request. While there is no indication of crime, the word "zero" which is supposed to be inserted above, note 2, indicating that NAIDES has no criminal record, has not been written above.)

2. It will be noted that, while, according to the cover letter, the subject came to the U.S. in May 1940, the above paper was issued on October of the same year.

Translated by:
Gus G. Stratton
4/20/43
etb

Serial Number 11478
(1) ?? E.E.

A.S.M.A (Army Unit)
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ORDER TO MARCH

The bearer, reservist in the Air Force

Grade (corporal ?)

Last name NAIDES

First name ARISTOTELES

Father's name IASON

Mother's name EFROSENE

Mobilisation class 1940

Category (2) armored ?

Special study hours (150), 2080 hours without any special study

Behavior Excellent

Education Gymnasium graduate (two years A.F.P.E.E.)

Foreign languages None

Special profession Student

In case of mobilisation he must present himself at Airport B., Dekelia, unless ordered by the Ministry to present himself to another unit.

He is registered in the Register for Males

Township or community Athens

State of Attica

Nome Attica-Biotea

Under year of birth 1919

residing at:

City or town Athens

Residence address (3) Mager No. 3.

Deme or community of Athens

State of Attica

Nome Attica-Biotea

Dekelia September (7) 29, 1940

The mobilisation officer.....

The Recruiting officer.....issuing the Marching
Orders.

- (1) Here is written the unit issuing the Marching order to the holder.
- (2) Here is written the category or specialty attained in the air force.
- (3) For those residing in cities.

150 hours of flying
All together 2080 hours general
training
(Signature illegible)

DIRECTIONS

The first day of presentation for each man in the reserves is the day on which the order for the mobilization of his class is given. The man in the reserves is obliged to present himself to the unit as directed by the journey papers.....(Translator's note: This page continues to give directions to the men in the reserves when the order for mobilization has been given).

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **43-384**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 4/2/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/16, 26, 27/43 3/1, 3, 6, 7/43	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT T. PUGH GIF
TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD, with aliases Aristotle Zison Nyad, Aridtotelis Naidis, Aris Notaras, Aristoteles Naidis, Aristoles Nyad, Aristotelis Naidis, Aristotle Naides, Aristotle Nison Naidis			CHARACTER OF CASE ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM SELECTIVE SERVICE ESPIONAGE (G)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject entered United States May 25, 1940 at New York as alien seaman and deserted ship. Reported to have attempted to obtain vital information from employees of aircraft plants but these charges denied by employees. Subject presently serving six months sentence in Los Angeles County Jail. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles holds warrent for deportation of subject to Canada, Canadian authorities having indicated willingness to accept him there. - P - REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ALERT H. SPRADLING, Jr., Los Angeles, February 11, 1943 Report of Special Agent ALBERT M. SPRADLING, Jr., Los Angeles, March 20, 1943. DETAILS: The title of this one is being marked changed in order to refelct the true name of subject as ARISTOTLE ZISON NAIDIS, and the alias ARISTOTELES NAIDIS. On February 16, 1943 Mrs. SIDNEY LOGAN,* 1138 Fremont Street, South Pasadena, California was interviewed by Special Agent Albert M. Spradling at the Los Angeles Field office. She had contacted this office in order to obtain permission to visit subject who was in custody, at which tine Mrs. LOGAN stated that she believed subject had been trying to obtain information from her as he had asked her many questions concerning production at NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION where she had been employed when she first knew subject.			
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* Mrs. Sidney Logan, born Mary Sydney Perkins, came from a wealthy family, which may explain Aris's interest in her. Sydney's father, Arthur Perkins, taught well-known actor Kay Kyser how to play polo (the kind on horses). Sydney inhabited the fringes of Hollywood and found her way into several gossip columns, one of which alludes to Aris: See Hedda Hopper's "Looking at Hollywood," [August 17, 1943](#). Also see Jimmy Star's "[R-K-O Bids Actress' Yarn.](#)"

She stated that he had asked her questions about Mustang airplanes which that plant was producing. Mrs. LOGAN also stated that she had been present during conversations between subject and Captain NATTON, United States Army, who is assigned to the Fourth Interceptor Command Unit in Los Angeles. Captain NATTON resides at The Jonathan Club. Mrs. LOGAN stated it appeared that subject had "pumped" Captain NATTON.

During discussion with Special Inspector PAUL W. SMITH of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Agent SPRADLING also learned that Mrs. Logan's maid had been interviewed by Inspector SMITH. The maid's name is Mrs. MALMBURG. SMITH advised that Mrs. MALMBURG, who speaks and reads German, actually read the identification card which subject asserted showed his connection with the German Luftwaffe. According to Mrs. MALMBURG the card appeared to be authentic and showed that he had been a flyer in that organization. She stated that she believed her employer, Mrs. LOGAN, had the pass or that it had been locked up in a closet in Mrs. LOGAN'S home. It should be noted that during the interview of subject by Special Agent SPRADLING, subject denied the existence of an identification card of this type and stated he had never been in Germany and had never been connected with the German air force.

Agent SPRADLING also learned from Inspector SMITH that he had talked to several young women who were employed at aircraft palnts who had gone out with subject, and who stated that he had attempted to gain information concerning their employment. SMITH could furnish the names of only two of these women, Mrs. LOGAN and **LURLYNE VICKERS**, 933 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CRestview 1-9958.

On February 26, 1943 STEVE CHALKOS, 267 North Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, was re-contacted by Special Agent SPRADLING and the writer. He related that subject had told him during various conversations that as part of the aeronautical training by the Greek Army he had been sent to Germany to obtain advanced training and to become a selected staff officer in the Greek Army. After this training he left Germany and joined the French Army for a time. CHALKOS stated that he believed that subject's wife, MARY KALAMARIDIS, who lived in New York, might have considerable information concerning subject's background about which little was known. He stated that he believed his friends in New York, however, could obtain more information from her than if a Government investigator contacted her, therefore he volunteered to communicate with one of these friends and ask them to talk to subject's wife about subject in such a way that she would not know the purpose of the questioning.

ALEXANDER BACKHOUT, who is employed by CHALKOS, was also re-interviewed and he advised that he had discussed the city of Potsdam, Germany with subject. It appeared to BACKHOUT that subject could not have known so much about the city if he had not been there, at least as a visitor, BACKHOUT stated that subject had mentioned various points of interest in the city and

had named several institutions and museums he had visited there. BACKHOUT also stated that subject spoke German very well and although he had an accent which was foreign to that of a native Germany, he nevertheless used good sentence construction, showing he had a thorough knowledge of the language.

On February 27, 1943, Mrs. LOGAN was re-interviewed by Special Agent SPRADLING and the writer and at this time she stated she did not believe that the subject had been trying to get information from her, but had merely been showing the usual interest in the employment of a person with whom he was keeping company. She stated that he never had asked her how many planes were being constructed or what new types of planes were being made there. Mrs. LOGAN pointed out that she had been employed in a department and was engaged in duties such that she would not have had access to any information which would be of interest to an enemy country. Mrs. LOGAN stated that she believed subject may have had some of his personal property or papers in a small closet which had been locked ever since he had discontinued living at her home. She said she believed subject may have locked his belongings in this closet and taken the key but that she would be willing to allow agents to open this closet.

On March 3, 1943 Miss LURLYNE VICKERS was interviewed at her home by the writer and she advised that at the time she knew the subject about December 1942, she had been employed by the DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, Santa Monica. She advised that she is presently employed by LOCKHEED-VEGA at Burbank. She stated that she knew subject as ARIS NOTARAS[?]. She stated that she had gone out with him once or twice and that he had visited her several times. She stated that subject had not shown any particular interest in the Douglas plant and had not attempted to obtain any information, confidential, or otherwise, from her. She said she had been employed in Department 223, which is the stockroom and that her duties consisted of "expediting". She pointed out that she would not have been in a position to obtain any important information for subject, even if she had so desired. She said that she knew of no subversive activities on the part of subject but had been suspicious of him when she learned that he was able to speak the German language. Miss VICKERS also advised that one evening he had told her he had just had an automobile accident and had removed some personal papers from his car and desired to leave them with her until the following day. She stated that she looked at these papers and had found several typewritten letters from an organization called "The United War Relief" and also letters from the Red Cross. She stated that she had not read these letters and did not know their contents. She also stated that she had noticed numerous letters from other women among his papers. She stated that subject appeared to be extensively engaged in behalf of Greek war relief and displayed to her a booklet describing the horrors resulting from the Nazi and Italian invasion of Greece. She stated that there were various photographs in this booklet showing the injured and dead. She advised that this booklet was marked "Confidential - For Use of Hellenic Government Only".

Mrs. ELIZABETH DOOLEY who is a friend of Mrs. SIDNEY LOGAN and was employed at DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, Long Beach, California, was interviewed by the writer March 6, 1943. She stated that she is employed in Department 401 which is the tail assembly department and stated that she lives at 1448 East Michigan Street, Rosemead, California. She stated that she had met subject whom she knew as NOTARAS, through Mrs. SIDNEY LOGAN and that she had seen him on only two occasions. She stated that Mrs. LOGAN, subject, another man and she had been on a date around Christmas, 1942. She advised that at no time did subject attempt to obtain information about the activities at the Douglas plant or at the North American plant where Mrs. LOGAN was employed at the time. She stated that subject may have discussed the aircraft industry briefly, but she considered this only natural because of his capacity in the Greek Air Force. Mrs. DOOLEY Also stated she believed that subject had mentioned visiting the North American plant and having been escorted on a tour through the plant, but that **she did not believe this to be true.**

On March 7, 1943 Mr. CHALKOS was again contacted and stated that he had had no answer to his requests for information concerning the subject's background in New York.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles contained information concerning the subject, and were reviewed by Agent SPRADLING and the writer. It was learned that subject first came to the attention of the Immigration Service in August 1941 when he was held by the Santa Monica Police Department for investigation of his alien status. On August 29, 1941 subject gave his name as ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD to Immigration Inspector RALPH COLER.

At this time he stated that his name in Greek was NIADIS and that he had been born June 16, 1919 in Athens, Greece, being a citizen of that country. He stated that his father's ZISON NIADIS, his mother's EFROSINI EUTROBI and that both parents were born in Greece. He stated he had entered the United States at Hoboken, New Jersey, May 28, 1940 as an apprentice seaman, had deserted his ship and had complied with the provisions of the alien Registration Act of 1940, having been registered and fingerprinted. He also stated that he had registered with a Selective service board in Hoboken, New Jersey and indicated a desire to enter the English or Canadian Army inasmuch as he was able to offer his services to his native country.

The Immigration file reflected that shortly after this interview Mr. MAITLAND, connected with the British Consulate in Los Angeles, and Captain BENWEIGH[?], RCAF Recruiting Officer, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel had arranged the enlistment of the subject as a sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. It was indicated that subject departed to Canada on November 27, 1941 at Blaine, Washington. It was also noted that on December 4, 1941 the Los Angeles Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service received a letter from subject postmarked at Brandon, Manitoba, Canada in which he stated he had enlisted in the Canadian Army and that his serial number was R-143284,* his address #2 Manning Depot, Brandon.

Subject next came to the attention of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Rouses Point, New York on December 27, 1941 at which time subject was apprehended while attempting to enter Canada from the

* This is the serial number of Private Lionel Block of Port Credit, Ontario. The 19-year-old was killed in action in Italy and is buried there in [the Casino War Cemetery](#).

United States. He had stated at that time that he was a Greek citizen and said that he had been in the country four days, having entered from Canada at the same point on December 23, 1941, claiming to be an American citizen. He stated that he had spent these four days in New York City. Subject was detained until sometime in January 1942 when he was released on bond of \$500 which was furnished by Greek friends in New York. According to the Immigration file subject had never notified the Service as to his whereabouts and no more was heard from him until he was taken into custody by the Beverly Hills Police Department in January 1943; however, during the period when subject was wanted the Immigration authorities had contacted the Canadian officials who furnished a letter of authority #726838[?] dated February 11, 1942 authorizing the return of the alien to Canada. Pursuant to this authority a warrant of deportation #56092/911 dated October 3, 1942 was issued at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, directing the alien's deportation to Canada on his apprehension. This warrant is still in effect.

It was noted that in the file of the Immigration Service there was a certified copy of a document verifying the arrival of subject at New York on May 28, 1940. This certificate reflected that the vessel on which subject arrived was the SS "Nea Hellas of the Greek line and that the vessel had left Piraeus, Greece on May 11, 1940. This document gave subject's age as 21 and his name as ARIDTOTELIS NAIDIS. This had been subject's first voyage on this vessel and his position was that of cadet. He had been engaged on the ship May 6, 1940 and he had been listed as a deserting seaman. Subject was interviewed by PAUL M. SITH, Special Inspector of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles January 12, 1943. At this time he again gave his birth date and place as June 16, 1919, Athens, Greece. **He stated at this time that he had never been married.** He also furnished his father's and mother's names as stated previously. He stated that he did not know whether they were still alive. He also said that he has one sister, ANYA(?) NYADIS(?), living in Athens, Greece, and advised that he had no relation in the United States. He explained that from 1925 until 1936 he attended school in Athens and immediately on leaving school joined the Royal Greek Air Force. He claimed to have received reserve commission on January 27, 1940 in the Air Force and received his father's permission to travel for a few months. For that reason he stated he secured a seaman's passport and through the president of the Greek-Egyptian Line, who was a friend of his family, he obtained a position on the SS Hellas as an apprentice seaman and worked for his passage. He stated that after the arrival of the ship he decided not to return to it, but to wait for the next voyage and return at that time inasmuch as he had not seen all he wanted to of New York.

Shortly after the ship sailed, Italy declared war against the United Nations and he learned that his ship was unable to return to Greece and was also unable to return to the United States.* He stated that he started to work in a Greek restaurant and wrote to his parents in Greece for his birth certificate and other documents. He explained that after his marriage to MARY KALMAR, or MARY KALAMARIDIS, on October 5, 1940 he continued to work for a time in Hoboken, New Jersey; however, he became dissatisfied and decided to come to

* After her May 1940 voyage from Piraeus to New York, the S.S. Nea Hellas began sailing from Portugal rather than Greece. She made four trips between Lisbon and New York before the British Ministry of Shipping bought her to aid in the war effort. "British Ministry of Shipping Buys Nea Hellas,," Chicago Tribune (Chicago, Illinois), March 27, 1941.

Los Angeles to obtain work. He remarked that he was unable to do this because he was not a United States citizen. **He stayed in Los Angeles from the first part of 1941 until his enlistment in the Canadian Air Force in November 1941.** [In other words, no battling Nazis after Germany invaded Greece, or being one of 26 survivors, etc. - DS.] Following his release on bond in 1942 he returned to New York to see his wife and stayed there for a while, allegedly to assi[s]t the decision of the Immigration officials to determine if he could return to Canada; however, without notifying Immigration Authorities he left New York during the early part of 1942 and finally arrived in Los Angeles September 2, 1942, having stopped in various cities along the way, giving speeches on Greek war relief and during this time living with various well-to-do Greek families. During the time he stayed in Chicago he lived with Dr. M. T. ANTONOPOULOS and obtained from him as a gift a German luger pistol and ammunition which he had in his possession when he was apprehended in Los Angeles.

The Immigration file reflected that subject's Social Security Number is 104-12-7871 and his Alien Registration number 5519676. The Immigration file also reflected that subject's wife had been interviewed by an inspector of the Immigration Service in New York City February 20, 1943 pursuant to a request for investigation by the Los Angeles Office. She advised that she resided at 314 Washington Street and is employed as a cost analysis clerk at 43 Leonard Street, New York City, c/o Lowenstein. She stated that she was born December 28, 1918 in Canoa, Island of Crete. She stated that she had derived United States citizenship through the naturalization of her father in February 1943. She explained she had arrived in the United States in December 1920 at New York. She also advised that she had married subject on October 5, 1940 in Hoboken, New Jersey and as far as she knew this was the first marriage for both of them. She further stated that she filed a petition for annulment of her marriage about April 20, 1942 the grounds for this petition being that they had not lived together naturally as husband and wife. She stated that subject had left her approximately April 25, 1941, stating that he was going to join the United States Army in Texas. The next time was December[?] 1941 for approximately one week; however, she stated that he had made several phone calls to her between January and March 1942 from Malone and Lake Placid, New York. She again saw him during March and April 1942 when subject again left and she advised that she has not heard from him since April 7, 1942. She denied that her marriage with the subject was entered into solely for the purpose of permitting him to remain in the United States.

The Immigration file also contained a copy of the marriage certificate for subject and MARY KALAMARIDIS. Also in the file were the originals of three documents belonging to subject which were in the Greek Language and had apparently been filled out in Greece. One of these is reportedly his birth certificate and the others are in connection with his service in the Greek Army. Photostatic copies of these documents are being forwarded to the Bureau for translation purposes.

- P E N D I N G -

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois will set forth the results of the interview with C. K. ANTONOPOULOS concerning subject, as summarised in teletype dated March 2, 1943.

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION:

At Hoboken, New Jersey, will advise the selective Service status of subject and will present the facts of his Selective Service violation to the United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At South Pasadena, California, will attempt to learn the nature of the personal property of subject believed to be located in the residences of Mrs. SIDNEY LOGAN, 1138 Fremont Street.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **43-384**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 4/27/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/26/43	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT T. PUGH KPM
TITLE ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM SELECTIVE SERVICE ESPIONAGE - G
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. SIDNEY LOGAN exhibited notes and documents of subjects containing anti-Axis propaganda furnished by the Greek office of Information and used in subject's radio address. - P - REFERENCE: Bureau File 13-2628. Report of Special Agent ROBERT T. FUGH, Los Angeles, California, April 2, 1943. DETAILS: On March 26, 1943, with the permission of Mrs. SIDNEY LOGAN,* 1138 Fremont Street, South Pasadena, California, the closet in her home in which it was believed that subject may have locked certain of his belonging was searched. There were various personal items found in the closet, but it was determined that none of this material belonged to subject. Mrs. Logan advised that the only additional material which she had obtained belonging to subject was that furnished her by the management of the hotel where subject and she had been staying at the time of his apprehension. She furnished this material for examination and it was learned that it consisted of a mimeographed and typewritten reports published by the Greek Office of Information, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue, North West, Washington, D. C. The information contained in these documents was of a propaganda nature aimed at the Axis powers in defense of the Greeks. The material contained information about conditions in Greece and described the suffering caused by present economic conditions there. Also, among the material exhibited by Mrs. LOGAN were notes in subject's handwriting, partly in English and partly in Greek, and			
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it was apparent that these were notes and rough drafts of his speech which he delivered over the radio. There is also a 3 page typewritten copy of the address delivered by subject. The first part of this address was by the announcer which described the speaker as being a Greek Commander whose name was withheld. He described him as one of the twenty-seven survivors from the original twelve hundred members of the Greek Royal Navy Air Force. According to the script, subject then described briefly the invasion of Greece by the Nazis and the resulting horrors and suffering on the part of the Greek people.

It should be noted that reference report indicated photostatic copies of three documents purportedly belonging to subject were obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service and forwarded to the Bureau for translation purposes. An examination of these documents was also requested to determine, if possible, whether they were as purported.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will report the results of the Bureau's examination of the three official documents of subject written in Greek.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **43-175**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 4/22/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/2/43	REPORT MADE BY ORAN H. WATERMAN OHW:MAC
TITLE ARISTOTLE ZISON NAIDIS, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM SELECTIVE SERVICE ESPIONAGE - G
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject secured \$97.00 from a DR ANTONOPULOS while wearing uniform of the Royal Air Force, Greek Division. Money secured upon exhibiting letter signed by a Colonel HAWK, stating that his pay had been transferred. DR. ANTONOPULOS advises money given as a loan to purchase new uniform and for spending money. A German Luger gun was also given by the doctor to subject for hunting purposes. Subject evidenced no interest in military affairs or factory production, but associated himself with pick-up acquaintances of members of the Armed Forces. - RUC - REFERENCE: Teletype from the Ins Angeles Field Office, dated 2-26-43 DETAILS: <u>At Chicago, Illinois:</u> Teletype request to interview DR. N. T. ANTONOPOUNOS in the Chicago vicinity. Check of the Medical Directories and with the American Medical Association indicated that there was no such person in this area, but a <u>Dr. C. K. ANTONOPULOS</u>, a registered dentist with offices at 8 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. No derogatory information found concerning DR. ANTONOPULOS at the Hills Credit Agency, and he was interviewed in connection with his meeting with the subject. He advised that in the early summer of 1942, a young man who described himself as ARIS NOTARAS, called on him wearing the Royal Air Force uniform with a Greek insignia on his shoulder, and requested the removal of his lower right molar, which the doctor did. Subject related various heroic exploits on his part and convinced the doctor of his valor and courage. Arrangements were made to have			
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subject meet some of the doctor's friends at an informal dinner. During the time that the subject was in Chicago he became quite friendly with the doctor, and he admitted wanting to do everything he could for the subject in view of his fighting so heroically for their country.

When subject exhibited a letter signed by a Colonel HAWK of the Royal Air Force, reportedly transferring subject's pay to California, the doctor advised that he gave subject a sum of money for spending and an additional amount to purchase a new uniform. He believed that this amount totaled \$97.00.

According to the doctor, subject had no friends in Chicago and spent most of his time with chance acquaintances of officers in the United States Army. The doctor could not recall the names of any of these officers and does not believe that subject became very friendly with any of them.

On one occasion, the doctor advised that he took subject down to his farm in Southern Illinois and subject expressed his desire to borrow a German Luger gun, which the doctor had on his wall. The doctor agreed to lend it to subject for hunting purposes, but that he could not recall the serial number.

MR. ARTHUR PETMEZAR, proprietor of Sander's Restaurant,* 134 South Wabash Avenue, advised that he was one of the individuals who took subject in and was impressed by his statements concerning his activities with the Royal Air Force. Subject spent quite a little time in his restaurant, making chance acquaintances with officers in the United States Army who were also there, but subject never expressed any interest in military matters or in national defense production. To him he appeared a young boy who was more interested in having a good time on his furlough than expressing interest in world affairs.

DR. ANTONOPULOS also advised that he believes subject proceeded from Chicago to Cheyenne, Wyoming by bus, and that he was there during September, 1942 and was entertained by a GEORGE KISCIRAS.

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* Arthur Petmezas of Lander's Restaurant.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION:

At Cheyenne, Wyoming:

Will attempt to locate a MR. GEORGE KISCIRAS who is reported to have entertained the subject, from whom the subject may have secured funds.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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May 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COFFEY

Re: Aristotle Zison Naidis, with aliases
Illegal Wearing of the Uniform
Selective Service
Espionage - G

The evidence listed and described below was submitted to the Technical Laboratory on May 15, 1943, by Mr. J. Atkinson of this Bureau:

- 43-2628-5 Q1 One photostat of a Greek "Copy from the Criminal Register" bearing the serial number 7392, together with a translation of the same.
- Q2 Two photostatic copies of a Greek Order to march", bearing the serial number 11478, together with a translation of the same.
- Q3 Two photostats of a Greek form, recording the birth of the subject under serial number 2-2588, together with translations of the same.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were compared with material of a similar nature contained in the file of writings pertaining to National Security but no identification was effected. Representative photographic copies of these specimens will be added to the file for future reference and comparisons.

Inasmuch as the instant specimens are photostatic copies, and no originals are available for comparison, the Laboratory can furnish no information as to their validity.

The original evidence, specimens Q1 through Q3 together with copies of the translations of the same are being attached hereto.

Respectfully

C. A. Appel

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **43-384**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 6/24/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/23/43	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT T. PUGH KCR
TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> ARISTOTLE ZISON NYAD, with aliases Aristotle Zison Nyad, Aridtotelis Naidis, Aris Notaras, Aristoteles Naidis, Aristoles Nyad, Aristotelis Naidis, Aristotle Naides, Aristotle Nison Naidis			CHARACTER OF CASE ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM SELECTIVE SERVICE ESPIONAGE (G)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: English translations of Greek documents confirmed information previously set forth concerning subject. Laboratory compared these documents with specimans in its files pertaining to national security with negative results. - C - REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 43-2628. Report of Special Agent ROBERT T. PUGH Los Angeles, California, April 27, 1943. DETAILS: On June 4, 1943, translations into English of the Greek documents submitted were furnished by the Bureau. It was stated that the Laboratory could furnish no information in regard to the validity of these documents inasmuch as they were photostatic copies, but that the printing and writing contained therein had been compared with material contained in the national security file; that no identification had been made. Examination of the English translations of the 3 documents reflects that the one bearing Serial No. 11478, bearing subject's picture in a Greek Army uniform, appears to consist of marching orders of the Greek Air Force, indicating that that subject was a reserve enlisted man in the Air Force; that his father's name was IASON, and him mother's name,			
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EFROSENE; that he was in mobilization class 1940; that his behavior was excellent; that he had had 2,080 hours of study; that he knew no foreign Isnguages; that his residence was Mager No. 3, Athens, Greece. This form also indicated that in case of mobilisation subject must present hissself at Airport 8, Dekelia, unless otherwise ordered at that time. The date of this form was September 29, 1940. The second document was identified by Serial No. 7392 shown thereon, and was a copy from the Athens criminal register for the subject. This indicated that subject was born in Athens in 1919. The translator indicated that this paper was apparently the criminal record of the subject, issued upon his request, and while there was no indication of any crime, the form did not appear to be complete.

The third document bearing file No. 76454, appeared to be a birth certificate issued by the government of Athens October 7, 1940, at the request of subject. This document stated that subject had merely seen born in the year 1919, in that city. The reverse side of this document was a confirmation by two residents of Athens, Greece, that subject, ARISTOTLE NAIDIS, was known to thes and resided at Mager 3 in Athens.

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