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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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No. 5653

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

[Under General Provisions of the Nationality Act of 1940 (Public, No. 853, 76th Cong.)]

To the Honorable the District Court of United States of Louisville, Ky.

This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is Thomas James Merton (Pr. N. Louis)
 (2) My present place of residence is Abbey of Gethsemani, Trappist, Ky. (3) My occupation is Trappist Monk and
 (4) I am 36 years old. (5) I was born on Jan. 31 - 1915 in Prades, Pyr. Orient.
 (6) My personal description is as follows: Sex M, color N, complexion Fair, color of eyes Gray, color of hair Blonde
 height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches, weight 163 pounds, visible distinctive marks Scar Palm R. Hand, race White
 present nationality British (7) I am not married; the name of my wife or husband is _____
 we were married on _____ at _____
 he or she was born at _____ on _____
 and entered the United States at _____ on _____ for permanent residence in the United States
 and now resides at _____ and was naturalized on _____
 at _____ certificate No. _____ or became a citizen by _____

(8) I have no children; and ~~no other persons are dependent upon me for support or maintenance~~
 (9) My last place of foreign residence was London - England (10) I emigrated to the United States from
Southampton - England
 at New York, N. Y. under the name of Tom Merton
 on December 11 - 1934 on the "Ansonia"
 as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached to this petition.

(11) My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was
 at New York, N. Y. under the name of Tom Merton
 on December 11 - 1934 on the "Ansonia"
 as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached to this petition.

(12) Since my lawful entry for permanent residence I have not been absent from the United States, for a period or periods of 6 months or longer, as follows:

DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES			RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES		
PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE	PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE

(13) I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on January 5 - 1948 in the District
 Court of United States at Louisville, Ky. (14) It is my intention in good faith to become a

citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, State, or sovereignty of whom or which at this time I am a subject or citizen, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (15) I am not, and have not been for the period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition, an anarchist; nor a believer in the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage; nor a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government; nor a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposition to organized government (16) ~~I am able to speak the English language (unless physically unable to do so).~~ (17) I am, and have been during all of the periods required by law, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. (18) I have resided continuously in the

United States of America for the term of 5 years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since Dec. 11 - 1934
 and continuously in the State in which this petition is made for the term of 6 months at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since December 10 - 1941
 on _____ at _____ in the _____
 Court, and such petition was dismissed or denied by that Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit: _____

(20) Attached hereto and made a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States (if such declaration of intention be required by the naturalization law), a certificate of arrival from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of my said lawful entry into the United States for permanent residence (if such certificate of arrival be required by the naturalization law), and the affidavits of at least two verifying witnesses required by law.

(21) Wherefore, I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to _____

(22) I, aforesaid petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, that the same are true to the best of my knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true, and that this petition signed by me with my full, true name: SO HELP ME GOD.

ALIEN REGISTRATION No. 1456923

Thomas James Merton (Pr. N. Louis)
 (Full, true, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviation)

Form N-405 (Old 2204 L-B)
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
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 I am able to speak, read, and write the English language.