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THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931
AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CANNABIS AND HEROIN SEIZURES EFFECTED AT POINTS ON OR NEAR THE MEXICAN
BORDER AND ON THE PACIFIC COAST DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 1947

Report No. 1160 Communicated by the Government of
the United States of America on 26 August 1947

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Article 23 of the Convention for limiting the
Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of
13 July 1931, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the
Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following on
the above mentioned seizure(s) to the Members of the United Nations
and to the other parties to the Convention.

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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS
WASHINGTON D.C.

No. 1160

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

26 June 1947

1. Date of seizure: See date given below
2. Place of seizure: See places listed below
3. Name of person or firm implicated: See defendants named below
4. Name of ship: See "Remarks" below
5. Coming from: See "Remarks" below
6. Date of leaving first port: . . .
7. Destination and date of arrival: See "Remarks" below
8. Ports of call: See "Remarks" below
9. Owners or nationality of ship: . . .
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 115 pounds, 8 ounces, 235.65 grains (52 kg 405 gr), net of marihuana, consisting of the dried, pulverized flowering tops, leaves, seeds, and stems of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States, Mexico, and Latin America; 15 ounces, 250.5 grains (441.4 grammes), net of takrouri, consisting of the finely pulverized and screened flowering tops of the female cannabis plant in the form common in North Africa; 6 grains (0.4 gramme), net of heroin.
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): No identifying marks or labels. The marihuana in most instances originated in Mexico. In one instance, it appeared to have originated in the Panama Canal Zone, while in another case, it appeared to be North African takrouri purchased in Antwerp. The heroin originated in Mexico.
12. Where shipped or forwarded from: See "Remarks" below
13. Forwarding agents or consignors: See "Remarks" below
14. Destination or address: United States
15. Remarks:

There appears below a summary of marihuana, takrouri, (cannabis) and heroin seizures effected at points on or near the Mexican border and on the Pacific Coast during the month of April 1947:

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, April 3, 1947

Names of defendants: Santos SAENZ Cano, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 16 grains (1 gramme), net of marihuana.

Santos SAENZ Cano, living in Matamoros, Mexico, but American born of Mexican parents, came from Matamoros on foot, and because a well known smuggling suspect preceding him, who seldom carried any contraband himself, made a signal to SAENZ after he had cleared customs, SAENZ was
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given a search and a roll of marihuana was found in his right hip pocket.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, April 4, 1947

Names of defendants: Juan ZARDENETA; and Juan GALVAN; Mexican citizens

Quantities of drugs seized: 34 pounds, 2 ounces (15 kg 478.9 gr), net, of marihuana.

Customs patrolmen, acting on information that a quantity of marihuana was concealed in the house of Juan ZARDENETA, searched the premises and found a sack of bulk marihuana, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces (3 kg 798.8 gr), a sack of bulk marihuana of the same weight, and a third sack containing 17 pounds, 6 ounces (7 kg 881.1 gr), under toilet bowls in a small room. In ZARDENETA's automobile were found 2 grains (0.1 gramme), of marihuana seeds. GALVAN who was in the house at the time of search was arrested also. The automobile which had been used in transporting the marihuana from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was seized.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, April 4, 1947

Names of defendants: Guadalupe GOMEZ Garcia, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 12 grains (0.8 gramme), net, of marihuana seed.

This woman stated she had some medicinal herbs in her possession. The rolls of plant life were examined and were found to consist of various mixed leaves, seeds, stems, sand, and gravel, liberally sprinkled with marihuana seed, each roll having a weight of 40 grains (2.6 grammes). The herbs were confiscated but the woman was not arrested.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, April 6, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of drugs seized: 97 grains (6.3 grammes), net, of marihuana

An employee of a bus line found three rolls of marihuana on the floor of the rest room of the bus station. The discovery was turned over to customs.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, April 9, 1947

Names of defendants: Armando MENDOZA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 10 pounds (4 kg 535.9 gr), net, of marihuana; 6 grains (0.4 gramme), net, of Heroin

After receiving information that an automobile would enter from Mexicali with narcotic drugs concealed therein, a customs inspector examined closely a car fitting the description given and found a quantity of bulk marihuana inside the tube of the spare tire. The inner tube had been cut open and the marihuana inserted and a patch put over the cut. The tube then was placed inside the casing and was /inflated with

inflated with air and put on the spare wheel. After the automobile was taken to a garage for storage, further search revealed a package of heroin concealed over the gas tank. Found in this spot also were an eyedropper and a hypodermic needle.

Place and date of seizure: Yuma, Arizona, April 12, 1947

Names of defendants: Pedro IBARRA Cota, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 98 grains (6.3 grammes), net, of marihuana.

A deputy sheriff and a highway patrolmen called at the home of a Mexican doctor in Yuma to question him about a fraud case and found a strange Mexican there who acted very nervous. They searched this man, IBARRA, and found eight marihuana cigarettes on his person. The marihuana and the defendant were turned over to customs.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, April 15, 1947

Names of defendants: Arthur JENKINS, American negro

Quantities of drugs seized: 1 pound (453.6 grammes), net, of marihuana.

Arthur JENKINS, accompanied by two other negroes arrived from Matamoros, Mexico, in an automobile. A customs inspector requested the three men to step out of the car for inspection. JENKINS' companions complied with the request, but JENKINS was hesitant and had to be asked a second time. When he alighted from the car it was found he had been sitting on a paper bag full of bulk marihuana. JANKINS was arrested and his two companions released after questioning.

Place and date of seizure: Hidalgo, Texas, April 20, 1947

Names of defendants: AntonionGARZA; and Lino SOTELLO; Mexican citizens

Quantities of drugs seized: 68 pounds, 6 ounces (31 kg 14.3 gr), net, of marihuana.

Customs patrolmen who had been informed that a Mexican would transport about 70 pounds (31 kg 751.4 gr), of marihuana from Hidalgo to either Galveston, Texas, or Chicago, Illinois, saw the described automobile depart from Hidalgo. About 5 miles north of the city they stopped the car and found inside one suitcase containing 8 pounds (3 kg 628.7 gr), of bulk marihuana, two suitcases containing a total of 57 pounds (25 kg 854.7 gr), of bulk marihuana and three paper bags of bulk marihuana, of a total weight of 3 pounds, 6 ounces (1 kg 530.9 gr). The marihuana had been smuggled from Reynosa, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Seattle, Washington, April 23, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of drugs seized: 13.4 grains (0.9 gramme), net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship TIMBER HITCH arrived from Balboa, Canal Zone, customs searchers found one marihuana cigarette under a locker in the messman's quarters. It was believed that the cigarette was the

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property of Samual Henry JONES, negro messman, who had been discharged at San Francisco, California. However, JONES was not available for questioning.

Place and date of seizure: Seattle, Washington, April 24, 1947

Names of defendants: Willie Lee WALKER, American negro

Quantities of drugs seized: 15 ounces, 250.5 grains (441.4 grammes), net, of takrouri.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship WALTER A. LUCKENBACK from Antwerp, a customs officer found one takrouri cigarette, weighing 10 grains (0.6 gramme), a watch case containing 13 grains (0.8 gramme), of takrouri, a tobacco tin containing 130 grains (8.4 grammes), of takrouri, and a cloth bag of takrouri, weighing 15 ounces, 97.5 grains (431.5 grammes). WALKER stated he purchased the takrouri at Antwerp and that it originated in North Africa.

Place and date of seizure: Nogales, Arizona, April 25, 1947

Names of defendants: Albert HERNANDEZ, American citizen of Mexican extraction

Quantities of drugs seized: 1 pound, 15 ounces, 218.75 grains (893 grammes), net, of marihuana.

Having received information that HERNANDEZ was engaged in smuggling marihuana, customs patrolmen maintained a watch and after HERNANDEZ entered the United States from Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, he was followed about three miles on the road to Tucson, Arizona, and his car stopped. A brown paper bag of bulk marihuana was found on the floor of the car.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, April 26, 1947

Names of defendants: Porfirio SANDOVAL, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 94 grains (6.1 grammes), net, of marihuana.

Immigration officers apprehended SANDOVAL after he entered the United States illegally from Juárez, Mexico. Ten marihuana cigarettes were found on his person. He and the seizure were turned over to Customs.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, April 26, 1947

Names of defendants: Rigoberto ALVAREZ Garcia, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 30 grains (1.9 grammes), net, of marihuana.

Customs patrolmen watched this man crawl through a hole in the International fence from Mexicali, Mexico, and when they stopped him he tried to throw away a package containing 4 1/2 marihuana cigarettes.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, April 26, 1947

Names of defendants: Jesus GARCIA Ornelas, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 94 grains (6.1 grammes), net, of marihuana.

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This man likewise crawled through a hole in the International fence from Mexicali, Mexico, and was apprehended by customs patrol inspectors. Five marihuana cigarettes were found on his person.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the Mexican and Belgian authorities.

(Signed) H. J. AESLINGER

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COMMISSIONER OF NARCOTICS
