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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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Report No. 1144 Communicated by the Government of the  
United States of America on 24 June 1947

SEIZURES OF MARIHUANA EFFECTED AT SUAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO,  
AT POINTS ON OR NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER AND ON THE  
PACIFIC COAST DURING  
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1946

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 report  
on the above-mentioned seizures to the Members of the United Nations  
and to the other parties to the Convention.

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/UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT .

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BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

• No. 1144

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

April 15, 1947

1. Date of seizure: See dates 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: ...
8. Ports of call: See "Remarks" below
9. Owners or nationality of ship: ...
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 75 pounds, 10 ounces, 165.79 grains (34 kg. 313.6 gr.), net, of marihuana, consisting of the dried pulverized flowering tops and leaves of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States.
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): See "Remarks" below
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 (cannabis) seizures effected at San Juan, Puerto Rico, at points on or near the Mexican border and on the Pacific Coast during the months of September and October, 1946.  
  
Place and date of seizure: San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 4, 1946  
  
Names of defendants: Unknown  
  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 64 grains, net. (4.1 grammes).

After most of the passengers and several crew members had disembarked from the American steamship MARINE TIGER, arrived from New York City, a customs officer found on the dock near the gangway of the vessel a package containing sixteen marihuana cigarettes. Neither the identity of the owner nor the source of the cigarettes could be determined.

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Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, September 11, 1946

Names of defendants: Jerome LIPPMAN, Sol KAMINSKY, and

Seymour C. COHAN

Quantities of marihuana seized: 7 ounces, 299.25 grains, net.  
(217.8 grammes).

When these three persons arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, in an automobile they were searched. Eleven marihuana cigarettes, weighing 79 grains (5.1 grammes) were found in LIPPMAN's coat pocket, and a paper sack containing 3 ounces, 218.75 grains (99.2 grammes), of bulk marihuana under his shirt. Under KAMINSKY's shirt was found a sack of bulk marihuana, weighing 4 ounces (113.4 grammes). Several marihuana cigarette butts, seeds and leaf particles, totaling 1.50 grains (0.1 grammes), were found in the automobile.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, September 15, 1946

Names of defendants: Moises Cruz RESENDEZ, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 432.5 grains, net.  
(56.4 grammes).

The defendant attempted to smuggle a package containing sixty large marihuana cigarettes from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, tied to his waist under his clothing.

Place and date of seizure: Hidalgo, Texas, September 16, 1946

Names of defendants: Angel GOMEZ and Cosme FUENTES, Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 7 ounces, net. (198.5 grammes).

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Reynosa, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, September 17, 1946

Names of Defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 17 pounds, net. (7 kg. 711 gr.).

Customs patrolmen found a sack of bulk marihuana in the brush near the Rio Grande River bank midway between the two international bridges.

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Place and date of seizure: Douglas, Arizona, September 17, 1946

Names of defendants: Elmo A. ORANGE, American citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 5.25 grains, net. (28.7 grammes).

Customs officers, having reason to suspect that Elmo A. ORANGE would attempt to smuggle a quantity of marihuana from Agua Prieta, Mexico, gave his automobile a thorough search when he arrived at Douglas and found seventeen marihuana cigarettes, weighing 224 grains (14.5 grammes), and a package containing 218.75 grains (14.2 grammes) of loose marihuana under the front seat of the car.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, September 19, 1946

Names of defendants: Adran PEREZ, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 437 grains, net. (28.3 grammes).

A customs inspector found a sack of loose marihuana in the curtain at the rear of the Juarez-El Paso streetcar. PEREZ who was seated nearby denied any knowledge of the marihuana, but when he was searched, traces of marihuana were found in his trousers' pocket. He had been released from prison in May 1946 on a similar charge.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, September 20, 1946

Names of defendants: Thomas J. COIT, and Odell WARREN, American Negroes

Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 pounds, 10 ounces, 432 grains, net.  
(1 kg. 218.7 gr.).

The defendants were apprehended by customs patrolmen after they had received delivery of a sack of marihuana from Juarez. The customs officers had knowledge that this delivery was to be made.

Place and date of seizure: Douglas, Arizona, September 20, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 10 grains, net. (29 grammes).

Two packages of marihuana cigarettes were found under a desk in the lobby of the customs office. Evidently they had been thrown there by someone who had been brought into the office to be searched. The report did not give the number of cigarettes found.

/Place and date

Place and date of seizure: San Diego, California, September 21, 1946  
Names of defendants: Clyde McCoy FARRAR; and Amee L. KNAPP; American citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 ounces, 218.75 grains, net. (127.6 grammes).

When these two persons arrived from Mexico in an automobile, search of the car resulted in the discovery of a sack of bulk marihuana concealed in the springs of the backrest of the front seat.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, September 22, 1946

Names of defendants: Jose VALDEZ; and Victor C. LOSOYA; Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 12 ounces, 218.9 grains, net. (354.4 grammes).

When VALDEZ arrived from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, he was searched and a sack containing 12 ounces, 218.7 grains (354.3 grammes), of loose marihuana was found tied between his legs. LOSOYA who was following VALDEZ was seen to hesitate when he saw VALDEZ being conducted to the search room so he was searched also, and .2 grains (0.1 grammes) of marihuana seeds were found in the cuff of his trousers.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, September 22, 1946

Names of defendants: Alberto CHAVEZ; and Orzel HERRERA; Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 328.14 grains, net. (21.3 grammes).

A package of loose marihuana was found in his possession when he arrived from Tijuana, Mexico. He stated that Orzel HERRERA had commissioned him to bring the marihuana into the United States. When he pointed to HERRERA who was standing nearby, the latter was arrested.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, September 26, 1946

Names of defendants: Salvador GUTIERREZ, Mexican citizen; James L. DAWSON; Elijah E. BUSH; Melbrow JOHNSON; and Lawrence L. YOUNGER; American Negroes

Quantities of marihuana seized: 7 pounds, 2 ounces, net. (3 kg. 231.8 gr.)

DAWSON and BUSH arrived from Matamoros, Mexico, in a taxicab driven by GUTIERREZ. Several sacks of marihuana were found under the back seat

/and in a well

and in a well under the driver's seat of the cab. JOHNSON and YOUNGER implicated in the case arrived later by bus and were arrested.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, September 28, 1946

Names of defendants: Paz ROCHA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 268 grains, net. (17.4 grammes).

This woman arrived from Juarez, Mexico, carrying a sack of clothing. A package of loose marihuana was found under the clothing.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, September 29, 1946

Names of defendants: Francesco Lopez BARCENAS, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, 11 ounces, net. (765.4 grammes).

Customs officers observed BARCENAS as he entered the United States from Mexicali, Mexico, through a hole in the International boundary fence. He was carrying a sack of bulk marihuana and had one marihuana cigarette in his pocket.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, September 30, 1946

Names of defendants: Louis SPENCER, American citizen

• Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 pounds, 12 ounces, net. (2 kg. 154.6 gr.)

Customs patrolmen, having received information that SPENCER had purchased a quantity of marihuana in Juarez, Mexico, followed him to the railroad station where he was caught in the act of removing a shopping bag holding bulk marihuana from a locker.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, October 1, 1946

Names of defendants: Eduardo CASTANEDA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 ounces, net. (113.4 grammes).

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, October 2, 1946

Name of defendants: James BLACKWELL, American Negro

Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 pounds, net. (1 kg. 814.4 gr.).

This Negro was arrested by customs patrolmen at the railroad station as he was about to board a train for Los Angeles, California, with a suitcase full of bulk marihuana.

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Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, October 4, 1946

Names of defendants: Palmer GLOVER, American Negro

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

Two marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: San Antonio, Texas, October 6, 1946

Names of defendants: Roger C. SANTOS, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 20 pounds, 1 ounce, net. (9 kg. 100.2 gr.).

Customs patrolmen received information that SANTOS would deliver a quantity of marihuana at a certain address in San Antonio. They enlisted the aid of a narcotic agent and stationed themselves in the vicinity. When SANTOS arrived at this address in a cab his suitcase was searched and found to contain bulk marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, October 8, 1946

Names of defendants: Madison GLOVER; and Floyd Williams; American citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 pounds, 2 ounces, net. (963.9 grammes)

Customs patrolmen followed the automobile occupied by these persons after it arrived from Mexico and after the officers had seen a man put a suitcase in the car. When the men realized they were being followed they threw the suitcase from the car, but it was recovered and found to contain bulk marihuana. The men were stopped and arrested.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, October 9, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 ounces, net. (113.4 grammes).

A resident of El Paso discovered a bag of marihuana under the hood of his automobile when he stopped at a gasoline station after returning from Juarez, Mexico. He reported the matter to police who notified customs officers.

Place and date of seizure: Portland Oregon, October 11, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 ounces, 131 grains, net. (93.5 grammes).

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When the American steamship GEORGE LUKS arrived from Yokohama, Japan, a customs searcher found a paper bag of loose marihuana in an air duct in the quarters formerly used by the Navy as ammunition lockers.

Place and date of seizure: Smeltertown, Texas, October 12, 1946

Names of defendants: Benito PEREZ; and Juan PEREZ; Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 ounces, 7 grains, net. (57.2 grammes).

The defendants were apprehended by immigration officers after they entered the United States from Juarez, Mexico, by wading the Rio Grande River. Thirteen rolls of marihuana were found in their possession.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, October 17, 1946

Names of defendants: Salvador Placencia MARTINEZ, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 20 grains, net. (1.3 gramme).

Two and one-half marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Mexicali, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, October 18, 1946

Name of defendants: Manuel MARTINEZ, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 41.5 grains, net. (21 grammes).

Immigration officers arrested this person and found a package of marihuana on his person. He had entered the United States illegally near Anapra, New Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, October 18, 1946

Names of defendants: Leopoldo CAMPOS, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 5 ounces, 78.5 grains, net. (146.8 grammes).

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, October 19, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 9 ounces, 218.5 grains, net. (269.3 grammes).

A sack of bulk marihuana was found by a customs inspector behind the rear control box of a Juarez-El Paso streetcar.

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Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, October 20, 1946

Names of defendants: Alphonse A. ANTONI; and Charles GIBBS; American Negroes

Quantities of marihuana seized: 12 pounds, net. (5 kg., 443.1 grammes).

Customs patrol inspectors, acting on information that these Negroes had purchased a quantity of bulk marihuana in Juarez, Mexico, apprehended them in El Paso and seized the marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, October 21, 1946

Names of defendants: Mary CARNEY, American Negress

Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 grains, net. (0.1 gramme).

One marihuana cigarette butt smuggled from Tijuana, Mexico.

A copy of this report is being transmitted to the Mexican authorities.

/Signed/ H. J. Anslinger  
H. J. ANSLINGER  
Commissioner of Narcotics

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