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AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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United States of America on 24 June 1947

SEIZURES OF MARIHUANA AND PREPARED OPIUM EFFECTED AT POINTS ON OR NEAR THE
MEXICAN BORDER AND ON THE PACIFIC COAST FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 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
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 1150

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

May 19, 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: ...
9. Owners or nationality of ship: ...
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 98 pounds, 8 ounces,
394.625 grains (44 kg. 704.3 gr.) net, of marihuana, consisting
of the dried pulverized flowering tops and leaves of the cannabis
plant in the form most frequently encountered in Mexico and the
United States; 117 grains, (8.2 grammes) net, of prepared opium.
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): Mexico, in most
instances. No identifying marks or labels.
12. Where shipped or forwarded from: Mexico, in most instances
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 points on or near the Mexican border and on
the Pacific Coast during the months of September, October, November
and December, 1946.

Place and date of seizure: Houston, Texas, September 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Juan CANTU; Manfredo MARTINEZ; and
Gilberto G. HINOJOSA; Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 61 pounds, 8 ounces. (27 kg.
895.9 gr.)

/The defendants

The defendants belonged to a notorious narcotic smuggling ring operating in Laredo and Houston. In the present instance they caused to be shipped from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, to Houston, a trunk filled with marihuana. The trunk was seized in Houston and the defendants were arrested by customs officers.

Place and date of seizure: Mercedes, Texas, October 13, 1946

Names of defendants: Eduardo SANTANA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 14 grains, (0.9 gramme) net.

Two marihuana cigarettes were found on the person of SANTANA when he returned from Rio Rico, Mexico. He had been seen smoking marihuana in a bar in the Mexican city.

Place and date of seizure: Del Rio, Texas, October 14, 1946

Names of defendants: Not to be named

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 312.5 grains, (48.6 grammes) net

When several persons arrived from Villa Acuna, Mexico, in an automobile a customs inspector found one hundred and twenty-five marihuana cigarettes in the arm of the rear seat of the car.

Investigation by customs agents did not reveal the owner of the marihuana, and the occupants of the automobile were released. However, the marihuana cigarettes and the automobile were seized.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, October 16, 1946

Names of defendants: Carlos Mata AGUILAR; and Jose F. HERNANDEZ; Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 14 pounds, (6 kg. 350.3 gr.) net.

Acting on information that these two persons had purchased a quantity of marihuana in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, customs patrolmen stopped their automobile after it arrived in Laredo and found a paper carton containing marihuana in the trunk of the car.

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

Names of defendants: Elliott WATKINS, American citizen

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

Three marihuana cigarettes, smuggled from Nuevo Laredo.

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

Names of defendants: Maria del Carmen Kinenez de PEREZ, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 21 grains, (1.4 grammes) net.

When this women arrived from Nuevo Laredo and a customs inspector attempted to search her purse she snatched it away from him and removed a small package of bulk marihuana, placing it in her mouth. She then took the marihuana from her mouth and attempted to place it in the bosom of her dress, but dropped the package on the floor, where it was recovered by the customs officer. The actions of the women were so erratic that it was apparent she was under the influence of marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, October 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Manuel G. LUNA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 22 grains, (1.4 grammes) net.

LUNA was arrested by local police when he attempted to steal a truck. When searched at the Police Station three marihuana cigarettes were found tied to his shirt tail. He was turned over to customs officers and admitted that he had purchased four marihuana cigarettes in Nuevo Laredo and had smoked one of them.

Place and date of seizure: Van Horn, Texas, October 24, 1946

Names of defendants: Freddie Lee HALL; and Ruthie Mae HALL; American negroes

Quantities of marihuana seized: 67 grains, (4.3 grammes) net.

Customs patrolmen received information that Freddie Lee Hall was enroute to Dallas, Texas, with a load of marihuana in an automobile. The patrolmen attempted to stop the automobile but HALL speeded away from them. The officers pursued the car to Sierra Blanca, Texas, where they stopped and telephoned the sheriff at Van Horn. The sheriff stopped the HALL car when it entered Van Horn and held it and its occupants,

/Mr. and Mrs. HALL,

Mr. and Mrs. HALL, for the customs officers. A small quantity of loose marihuana was found in the car. HALL admitted that he had purchased 5 pounds (2 kg. 263 gr.) of bulk marihuana in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and when pursued by the customs patrolmen had thrown it from the car with the exception of the small quantity of loose marihuana found.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California, October 29 and 30, 1946

Names of defendants: John PINOCK, American citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 ounces, 364.5 grains, (80.3 grammes) net.

When the American steamship WHIRLWIND arrived from Guatemalan, Colombian, Chilean, Peruvian, and Costa Rican ports and the Panama Canal Zone, a customs searcher found a sack of marihuana weighing 1 ounce, 145.8 grains (37.8 grammes) in a radio in the possession of John PINOCK, messman. On October 30 a package of marihuana, weighing 1 ounce, 218.7 grains (42.5 grammes) was found in the steward's washroom.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, October 30, 1946

Names of defendants: Charles NEWMAN; Zedbedee PIERSON; Leonard M. JAMES; and Jonny D. McCOY; American negroes

Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 ounces, 313.5 grains (105.4 grammes) net.

These negroes arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, in an automobile. Two large matchboxes of bulk marihuana were found behind one of the headlights of the car.

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

Names of defendants: Francisco SALAS; and Fermin MUELA; Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 307 grains, (19.9 grammes) net.

Immigration inspectors apprehended these persons when they entered the United States illegally from near Juarez, Mexico, and found a package of marihuana and a gallon of liquor in their possession.

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Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, November 1, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 10 ounces, (283.5 grammes) net.

A package of bulk marihuana was found on a ranch two miles west of Calexico and about one-half mile from the Mexican border by a civilian and was turned over to customs officers.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, November 1, 1946

Name of defendants: Eusebio GUEVARA atempa, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 146 grains, (9.5 grammes) net.

The defendant was apprehended by an immigration patrolman after he had entered the United States illegally. The marihuana was found in a pocket of bathing trunks he wore under his trousers.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 2, 1946

Names of defendants: Leonard EALY, American negro

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

When EALY was searched the burned stub of a marihuana cigarette was found on his person. He arrived from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 2, 1946

Names of defendants: Albert JOHNSTONE, American negro

Quantities of marihuana seized: 110 grains, (7.1 grammes) net.

Twelve marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Nuevo Laredo tied to the defendant's leg with a handkerchief.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 2, 1946

Names of defendants: Henry S. MIMMIT, American negro

Quantities of marihuana seized: 108 grains, (7 grammes) net.

Twelve marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Nuevo Laredo tied to the defendant's leg with a handkerchief.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, November 2, 1946

Names of defendants: Louie B. SALDANA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 10 pounds, (4 kg. 535.9 gr.) net.

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Acting on information, customs patrolmen searched the automobile of this suspect when it arrived from Mexicali, Mexico, and found a burlap sack containing four packages of bulk marihuana under the hood over the motor.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 3, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 8 grains (0.5 gramme) net.

One marihuana cigarette was found on a bench in the baggage inspection room, footbridge station.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 3, 1946

Names of defendants: Roy C. TUCKER, American citizen

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

Two and one-half marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Nuevo Laredo.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 3, 1946

Names of defendants: Benjamin F. HOWARD; and Joe CANNON, Jr., American negroes.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 64 grains, (4.2 grammes) net.

When these two negroes arrived from Nuevo Laredo they were searched and four marihuana cigarettes were found in the possession of each. On the person of HOWARD was found also a vial of ten tablets of "Yohimbina", an aphrodisiac.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 3, 1946

Names of defendants: James W. TRAVIS; and Zane E. GRAY; American negroes.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 328 grains, (21.3 grammes) net.

TRAVIS and GRAY arrived together from Nuevo Laredo. Seven marihuana cigarettes, weighing 56 grains (3.6 grammes), were found on the person of the former, while thirty-four marihuana cigarettes, weighing 272 grains (17.7 grammes), were in the possession of GRAY.

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Place and date of seizure: Nogales, Arizona, November 5, 1946

Names of defendants: Louis Morales MENDOZA; and Angelita MENDOZA,
Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 281.25 grains, (18.2 grammes) net,
together with 117 grains (8.2 grammes) net, of prepared opium.

Customs patrolmen received information that these persons had purchased a quantity of narcotics in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. They were followed by the patrolmen to the bus stop and there taken into custody and searched. In Mrs. MENDOZA's purse were found twenty-nine marihuana cigarettes and a fully loaded revolver. The opium was found in MENDOZA's pocket. On the seat of the automobile occupied by them was a leather blackjack.

Place and date of seizure: Clint, Texas, November 8, 1946

Names of defendants: Juan IBARRA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 46 grains, (3 grammes) net.

IBARRA was apprehended by immigration patrolmen after he entered the United States illegally from Mexico. The marihuana was found on his person, and, he admitted that he obtained it in Juarez, Mexico. He was turned over to customs.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, November 11, 1946

Names of defendants: Clifford MANSON, American negro

Quantities of marihuana seized: 8 grains, (0.5 gramme) net.

One and one-half marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, November 13, 1946

Names of defendants: Benjamin RESINDEZ Pina, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 328 grains, (21.3 grammes) net.

When the defendant entered Calexico illegally from Mexicali, Mexico, through the railroad gate he was apprehended by customs patrolmen who found twenty marihuana cigarettes in the right front trousers pocket.

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Place and date of seizure: Douglas, Arizona, November 18, 1946

Names of defendants: Not to be given

Quantities of marihuana seized: 7 ounces, 319.375 grains, (219.4 grammes) net.

Customs patrolmen received information that a certain automobile arriving from Agua Prieta, Mexico, would have a quantity of marihuana concealed therein. They searched the car upon its arrival and found a flour sack of bulk marihuana in back of the front seat. Subsequently they received information from the same source that the marihuana had been placed in this automobile by error by the person who sold it in Mexico. Therefore, the occupants of the automobile were not prosecuted.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, November 18, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

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

One marihuana cigarette was found under a radiator in the public space in the customhouse.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, November 20, 1946

Names of defendants: Jose RODRIGUEZ; and Vicente M. RAMIREZ; Mexican citizens

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 377.5 grains, (52.8 grammes) net.

When the defendants arrived from Mexicali, Mexico, in an automobile a customs search revealed two marihuana cigarettes, weighing 20.50 grains (1.3 grammes), in the right front door of the car. Bulk marihuana, weighing 1 ounce, 357 grains (51.5 grammes), and a pint of whiskey were found in the back of the car.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Mario EGUIA Veloso, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, (28.4 grammes) net.

When this person arrived from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, he claimed to be a physician but had nothing to declare. A package of bulk marihuana

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was found in his coat pocket. It was learned subsequently that he had a previous record of smuggling marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 24, 1946

Names of defendants: Cosme BARAJAS, Mexican Citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 7 pounds, (3 kg., 175.1 grammes) net.

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Nuevo Laredo in a white cotton sack in a truck.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, November 25, 1946

Names of defendants: Gilberto HERRERA Duran, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 ounces, (85.1 grammes) net.

An immigration inspector apprehended two Mexicans ten miles from Laredo after they appeared from the direction of the Rio Grande River. Several rolls of marihuana were found in the pocket of HERRERA, one of those apprehended, and he and the marihuana were turned over to customs.

Place and date of seizure: Near Ysleta, Texas, December 1, 1946

Names of defendants: Antonio IBARRA Ramos, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 27 grains, (1.7 grammes) net.

IBARRA was picked up by the immigration patrol after he entered the United States illegally from Mexico. He was in possession of a package of marihuana and twenty-three bottles of liquor. He was turned over to customs.

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

Names of defendants: Jessie DAVIS, American negro

Quantities of marihuana seized: 173 grains, (11.2 grammes) net.

Ten marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, December 1, 1946

Names of defendants: Elias R. QUINONES, American citizen

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

Two marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Tijuana, Mexico. This man was a deserter from the United States Army and was turned over to Army authorities.

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Place and date of seizure: Near Hidalgo, Texas, December 3, 1946

Names of defendants: Victor AGUIRRE Ruiz, Mexican citizen

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

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Reynosa, Mexico.

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

Names of defendants: Urlee TOPSY, American negro

Quantities of marihuana seized: 71 grains, (4.6 grammes) net.

This person appeared nervous when he arrived from Juarez, Mexico and was given a personal search, ten marihuana cigarettes and five tablets of Spanish Fly (cantharides) being found in his pockets.

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

Names of defendants: Robert BAYLERS; and Direel YOKUMIE; American negroes

Quantities of marihuana seized: 198 grains, (12.8 grammes) net.

When these two defendants arrived from Juarez, Mexico, each was found to be in possession of ten marihuana cigarettes. Those found on BAYLERS weighed 95 grains (6.2 grammes), while the cigarettes in the possession of YOKUMIE weighed 103 grains (6.6 grammes).

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

Names of defendants: Juana Paniagua de MORENO, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 140 grains, (9.1 grammes) net.

When Mrs. MORENO arrived from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, she tried to slip a small package from her purse to her coat pocket. The package contained loose marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, December 15, 1946

Names of defendants: Alejandro MACIAS, Mexican citizen

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

Two marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, December 15, 1946

Names of defendants: James BUSH, American citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 159.5 grains, (38.7 grammes) net.

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Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, December 17, 1946

Names of defendants: Deleon ESTRADA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 394 grains, (25.5 grammes) net.

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

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

Names of defendants: Salvador ESCALANTES, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 cunces, 382.5 grains, (109.8 grammes) net.

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

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

Names of defendants: Carlos M. SALAZAR, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 5 ounces, 162.5 grains, (152.3 grammes) net.

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, December 19, 1946

Names of defendants: John LODI, American citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 50 grains, (3.2 grammes) net.

Ten marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Tijuana, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Del Rio, Texas, December 21, 1946

Names of defendants: Gas MYROTH, American citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 7 ounces, net.

Bulk marihuana smuggled in the defendant's automobile from Villa Acuna, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Hidalgo, Texas, December 21, 1946

Names of defendants: Alicia INFANTA Vda, Mexican Citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 79 grains, net.

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Reynosa, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Tornillo, Texas, December 21, 1946

Names of defendants: Felipe CHACON, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 390 grains, net.

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CHACON was arrested by immigration officers when he attempted to carry a package of bulk marihuana, weighing 319 grains, twelve marihuana cigarettes, weighing 71 grains, 100 pounds of sugar and one and one-half gallons of liquor across the river from Mexico. He was turned over to customs.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, December 24, 1946

Names of defendants: William George JACKSON, American citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 145 grains, net.

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Tijuana, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California, December 27, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 5 ounces, net

When the American steamship LAKEWOOD VICTORY arrived from Okinawa, the Philipppines, and Singapore, a customs searcher found eight paper packets of loose marihuana in the linen closet of the ship. The packages were wrapped in bath towels and stuffed in a pillow case. They had paper wrappings of Malay newspapers, Chinese note paper, and ledger sheets bearing English writing.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, December 31, 1946

Names of defendants: Manuel CORRALES Magallanes, Mexican citizen

Quantities of marihuana seized: 61 grains, net.

Customs patrolmen observed CORRALES enter the United States illegally from Mexicali, Mexico. They apprehended him, at which time he attempted to throw away a matchbox containing a marihuana cigarette. In his pockets were found four more marihuana cigarettes. He is on probation from a previous sentence imposed for possession of marihuana.

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

/signed/ H. J. ANSLINGER
Commissioner of Narcotics
