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AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS EFFECTED AT ATLANTIC COAST PORTS DURING JULY,
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND 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. 1145

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

April 18, 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: 26 pounds, 12 ounces, 233.75 grains (12 kg. 148.7 gr.) net, of raw opium; 13 ounces, 420 grains (395.7 gr.) net, of prepared opium; 37 grains (2.4 grammes) net, of powdered opium; 116 grains (7.5 grammes) net, of morphine hydrochloride; 65 grains (4.2 grammes) net, of codeine; 1 pound, 2 ounces, 284.75 grains (528.7 grammes) net, of cocaine; 1 ounce, 429 grains (56.1 grammes) net, of charas (cannabis); 2 pounds, 5 ounces, 255 grains (1 kg. 065.5 gr.) net, of marihuana; and 15 ounces, 210.2 grains (438.9 grammes) net, of Chinese medicinal preparations containing opium derivatives.
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 narcotic and cannabis seizures effected at Atlantic Coast ports during the months of July, October, November, and December, 1946.

Place and date of seizure: New York City and Honolulu, T. H., July 14, 1946, and October 11, 1946.

Names of defendants: None. No criminal prosecution.

Quantities of drugs seized: 15 ounces, 210.2 grains (438.9 grammes) net, of Chinese medicines containing morphine.

There were two seizures of Chinese medicinal preparations containing opium derivatives. On July 14, 1946, customs seized at New York City 24 bottles of TANG SHIH YEE cough pills, weighing 5 ounces, 140 grains (150.8 grammes) and containing .4 per cent opium alkaloids, consigned by CHAN MOO CHING, China, to a local Chinese importer. On October 11, 1946, a shipment of 20 boxes of CHEE KUT YUEN cough pills, weighing 10 ounces, 70.2 grains (288.1 grammes) and containing traces of opium derivatives, were seized at Honolulu. The consignor was WING SING FAT, Hong Kong, and the consignee a local Chinese.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1946

Names of defendants: John G. SKEVOFEELAX, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 65 grains (4.2 grammes) net, of codeine; 31 grains (2 grammes) net, of morphine hydrochloride.

When the American steamship SAMUEL NELSON arrived at Philadelphia from Catania, Italy, a customs searcher found eight capsules of codeine and two ampoules of morphine in the possession of John G. SKEVOFEELAX, seaman. This person stated he obtained one ampoule of morphine and the codeine capsules from a physician in Eastbank, West Virginia, and the other ampoule of morphine in Greece. He claimed he was suffering from a severe kidney ailment. The ampoule purchased in Greece was marked with Greek characters which translated read: "Government Monopoly of Narcotics - 1 cc - 0.01 gr. Hydrochl. of Morphine - Damvergis".

Place and date of seizure: Weehawken, New Jersey, October 21, 1946

Names of defendants: Ralph ROLAND, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 1 pound, 1 ounce, 257.75 grains (498.6 grammes) net, of cocaine.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship SANTA CECILIA from South American ports two bottles of cocaine hydrochloride were found in the locker of Ralph ROLAND, steward. ROLAND claimed he obtained

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the cocaine from a prostitute at Valparaiso, Chile. However, later an informant insisted that ROLAND had bought the cocaine from a customs officer at Callao, Peru, and that it was a practice of several customs officers at Callao to approach seamen with the purpose of selling cocaine to them.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, October 28, 1946

Names of defendants: Satish ARJUN, Indian citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 15 ounces, 104 grains (432 grammes) net, of raw opium; 1 ounce, 429 grains (56.1 grammes) net, of charas (cannabis).

Customs officers found eleven pieces of raw opium and a quantity of charas in the locker of Satish ARJUN, pantryman, on the American steamship AMERICAN VICTORY, arrived from Karachi. ARJUN denied knowledge of the drugs.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, October 29, 1946

Names of defendants: David Alexander PRICE, American citizen; and Robert QUILES, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction

Quantities of drugs seized: 16 pounds (7 kg. 257.5 gr.) net, of raw opium; 5 ounces, 188 grains (153.9 grammes) net, of prepared opium; 2 pounds, 5 ounces, 255 grains (1 kg. 065.5 gr.) net, of marihuana.

Four seizures were made on the American steamship AFRICAN DAWN upon its arrival from Dar-es-Salaam, Laurence Marques, Capetown and Trinidad. Nineteen packages of raw opium containing 10 percent anhydrous morphine, a jar of prepared opium, weighing 2 ounces (156.7 grammes) and seven packages of prepared opium, weighing 3 ounces, 188 grains (97.2 grammes) were found in the main galley inside the base of a dough mixing machine. An opium pipe containing traces of opium dross was found in pipes in a bulkhead in the working alley. Under a ventilator in an alleyway outside of the /engineers'

engineers' and dry storerooms was found a box containing 1 ounce, 362 grains (51.8 grammes) of marihuana. A camera containing 9 marihuana cigarettes, weighing 64 grains (4.1 grammes) and six cotton cloth bags holding 1 pound, 28.5 grains (455.4 grammes) of marihuana were found in a suitcase belonging to David Alexander PRICE crew member. A cigarette carton containing 6 ounces, 178 grains (181.6 grammes) marihuana, three cigarette cartons containing 12 ounces, 390.5 grains (365.5 grammes) marihuana and a tobacco tin containing 107 grains (6.9 grammes) of marihuana were found in the locker of Robert QUILLES, member of the crew.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, November 11, 1946.

Names of defendants: Commodore Kirkpatrick WILSON, American citizen.

Quantities of drugs seized: 1 ounce, 2 grains (28.5 grammes) net, of cocaine.

When this seaman was leaving the American steamship SANTA LUISA, arrived from Valparaiso, a customs officer found a bottle of cocaine hydrochloride on his person. WILSON stated he purchased the cocaine from an unknown man on the street in Valparaiso.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
November 12, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of drugs seized: 2 ounces, 384 grains (81.6 grammes) net, of raw opium.

A customs search of the American steamship MIDDLEBURY VICTORY in port from Genoa, via Algeiras resulted in the discovery of a lump of raw opium, containing 7.4 percent anhydrous morphine in the officers' toilet, aft, second deck. The origin of the opium is unknown but it is of rather low morphine content to be the product of Iran or Turkey. Perhaps it had lost strength through dehydration.

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Place and date of seizure: Newport News, Virginia, November 14, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of drugs seized: 36 grains (2.3 grammes) net, of opium powder; 85 grains (5.5 grammes) net, of morphine hydrochloride; 25 grains (1.6 grammes) net, of cocaine.

Customs officers searching the American steamship ROSWELL VICTORY which arrived from Kavalla, Greece, found concealed in the pantry gear locker a package of 24 opium tablets marked "S.S.P.103", and weighing 36 grains (2.3 grammes); three bottles of morphine hydrochloride tablets, weighing 25 grains (1.6 grammes), and marked "Hamptsanitatspark, Berlin", a bottle of 100 1/4-grain (1.6 grammes) morphine hydrochloride tablets with the same markings; two vials of morphine hydrochloride, weight not given; and marked "Veterinario"; two bottles of cocaine hydrochloride, marked "British Drug House, Ltd., London, Eng"., weighing 25 grains (1.6 grammes); four vials of morphine hydrochloride, marked "Burrows Wellcome & Company", weighing 35 grains (2.3 grammes); a paper package marked "Baktercapnagon", but being empty; two hypodermic needles, a hypodermic syringe, and an alcohol flame sterilizer. The ownership of these drugs was not established.

Place and date of seizure: Hoboken, New Jersey, November 17, 1946

Names of defendants: THAM CHEW ON, alias Ah Jew, Chinese

Quantities of drugs seized: 4 pounds, 4 ounces (1 kg. 927.8 gr.) net, of raw opium.

A customs officer intercepted THAM CHEW ON, carpenter of the British steamship SHAERISTAN, as he was leaving the pier and found 1 pound, 7 ounces (652 grammes), of raw opium sticks in his hat. He was taken back aboard the ship where customs officers made a search of the carpenter shop and found 2 pounds, 13 ounces (1 kg. 275.7 gr.) of raw opium sticks in a tin of hardened pitch. THAM stated he purchased the Iranian opium sticks in Abadan and placed them in

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an empty pitch can, pouring sand around the opium to prevent the tar from sticking to it. He then pushed the cover of the tin down to the level of the sand and cemented around the rim of the cover, pouring a layer of pitch over this. He opened the bottom of the tin with a hammer and chisel when the vessel reached New York, removed a number of the opium sticks, placed them in his hat, and intended to sell them to some Chinese in the city.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, November 21, 1946

Names of defendants: CHOY SUI, Chinese

Quantities of drugs seized: 14 ounces, 113.75 grains (404.3 grammes) net, of raw opium.

When the American steamship DENTIS FORT arrived from Abadan 12 sticks of Iranian raw opium, weighing 1 ounce, 332.5 grains (49.9 grammes) were found in the quarters of CHOY SUI, chief cook. This Chinese stated he has smoked opium for forty years and mixes it with tobacco in an ordinary briar pipe. On the same date 18 sticks of Iranian raw opium, weighing 12 ounces, 218.75 grains (354.4 grammes), were found under a meat block in the storeroom under the galley. It is believed that CHOY was the owner of this opium also.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, November 26, 1946

Names of defendants: FOO TECK SENG, Chinese

Quantities of drugs seized: 4 pounds, 8 ounces, 68.5 grains (2 kg. 045.6 gr.) net, of raw opium; 1 grain (0.1 gramme) net, of powdered opium; 1 grain (0.1 gramme) net, of raw opium mixed in an ointment.

Six seizures were made on the American steamship EXECUTOR when it arrived from Karachi via Near Eastern ports. A stick of raw opium, weighing 72 grains (4.7 grammes) was found in the baggage of FOO TECK SENG, utilityman. FOO stated he purchased the opium in Karachi. In his quarters were found a vial containing 1 grain (0.1 gramme) of opium powder and a vial containing a like amount

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of opium ointment. In the second officers' quarters were found 3 pounds, 5 ounces, 154 grains (1 kg. 512.5 gr.) of raw opium, and since FOO had access to this room it is believed that he placed it there. In the stewards's toilet was found a piece of raw opium, weighing 39 grains (2.5 grammes); 13 ounces, 115 grains (376 grammes), of raw opium were found in a cabin to which FOO had access; and 5 ounces, 126 grains (149.9 grammes), of raw opium were found in a refuse box. FOO previously had been seen hovering in the vicinity. The opium seized appeared to be of Indian origin.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, December 2, 1946

Names of defendants: Joe E. VILLAYERDE, Filipino

Quantities of drugs seized: 8 ounces, 232 grains (241.8 grammes) net, of prepared opium.

During the search of the American steamship CAPE CATOCHE a customs officer found 227 soft metal tubes of prepared opium under the clothing of Joe E. VILLAYERDE, messman. VILLAYERDE stated he purchased the opium tubes at Ko-Si-Chang, a small island off the coast of Siam near Bangkok. The tubes were similar in size and shape to those formerly produced by the Singapore Opium Monopoly, having holes punched in one end through which a wire could be strung. However, they bore Siamese writing and presumably were of Siamese origin. The morphine content of the prepared opium was extremely low, being but 2.25 percent. The color reaction of the chemical analysis was red, and it is believed some adulterant was used in the preparation and packing of the opium.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the Greek, Italian, British, Indian, Chilean, Peruvian, Iranian, and Siamese authorities.

J. J. Anslinger
Commissioner of Narcotics
