

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

SEIZURES OF 16 KILOGRAMS 711 GRAMES OF MARIHUANA EFFECTED AT
HONOLULU, T.H., AT POINTS ON OR NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER AND ON
THE PACIFIC COAST DURING JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1946.

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United States of America, 14 March 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
report on the above mentioned seizures to the Members of the United
Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

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

February 6, 1947

Date of seizure:	See dates given below.
Place of seizure:	See places listed below.
Name of person or firm implicated:	See defendants named below.
Name of ship:	See "Remarks" below
Coming from:	See "Remarks" below.
Destination and date of arrival:	See "Remarks" below
Ports of call:	See "Remarks" below
Date of leaving first port:	See "Remarks" below
Owners or nationality of ship:	See "Remarks" below
Kind and quantity of drugs seized:	36 lbs; 13 ozs. 206.51 grns (16.711 kgs) net of marihuana, consisting of the dried, pulverised flowering tops and leaves of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently en- countered in the United States. One seizure may have consisted of bhang or ganja.

Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.) No identifying marks or labels.

Where shipped or forwarded from: Mexico and the Panama Canal Zone

Forwarding agents or consignors: See "Remarks" below

Destination or address: United States

Remarks:

There appears below a summary of marihuana (cannabis) seizures effected at Honolulu, T.H., at points on or near the Mexican border and on the Pacific Coast during the months of June, July, August and September 1946, respectively:

Place and date of seizure: Honolulu, T.H., June 7, 1946.
Names of defendants: Fred L CAS, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 408 grains, net (26.11 grammes).

The defendant was arrested by local police officers who seized from him fifty-one marihuana cigarettes.

Place and date of seizure: Honolulu, T.H., July 13, 1946.
Names of defendants: James NELSON, Jr., alias J. Lorenzo TURNER, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 60 grams, etc. (3.88 grammes)

When the American tanker ROYAL OAK arrived from Singapore and Indian ports, customs searchers found a marihuana cigarette butt and a small quantity of loose marihuana in the clothing and locker of James NELSON, Jr., alias J. Lorenzo TURNER, crew member. It is possible the cannabis seized is either bang or ganja of Indian origin.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, August 1, 1946.
Names of defendants: George Alexander ANDERSEN; and Charlie Rideaux; American negroes.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, 8 ounces, net (679.8 grammes)

ANDERSEN was stopped by customs patrolmen as he approached from the direction of the International border carrying a package. The package contained two lots of bulk marihuana, one weighing 1 pound (453 grammes), the other 8 ounces (226.8 grammes). ANDERSEN stated he was carrying the marihuana for another negro named "Charlie". Charlie RIDEAUX was apprehended as he entered the United States from Tijuana, Mexico, and was identified by ANDERSEN as the "Charlie" he meant.

Place and date of seizure: Tucson, Arizona, August 10, 1946.
Names of defendants: Alberto Perez LEYVA, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 99.25 grains, net (6.4 grammes)

Tucson police, investigating reports of robbing of freight cars by railroad laborer, searched the bunk house of these persons and found a large quantity of stolen merchandise. In a trunk belonging to LEYVA they found nine marihuana cigarettes. They notified customs.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, August 12, 1946.
Names of defendants: Timothy HALL, alias Goodes ALLEN, American negro.
Quantities of Marihuana seized: 1 pound, 2 ounces, 436 grsn (538 grammes)

Customs patrolmen followed this man after they received information a quantity of marihuana had been purchased by him in Juarez, Mexico. He was stopped and searched and the marihuana was found in a sack he was carrying. He said the marihuana had been smuggled into the United States from Juarez by the seller and delivered to him in El Paso.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, August 14, 1946
Names of defendants: Andres CASTILLO, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 pounds, 4 ounces, net(1.472 kgs.)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, under the defendant's shirt. CASTILLO offered the customs inspector who searched him twenty dollars as a bribe, which offer was refused.

Place and date of seizure: Honolulu, T. H., August 14, 1946
Names of defendants: Bert O. ALLEN, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 25.46 grains, net(1.63 grammes)

A customs searcher aboard the American steamship TUFTS VICTORY, arrived from the Panama Canal Zone, found three marihuana cigarettes in the personal belongings of Bert O. ALLEN, crew pantryman.

Place and date of seizure: Hidalgo, Texas, August 15, 1946
Names of defendants: Alfredo "Mago" JIRENEZ, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 8 ounces, 232.7 grains, net(241.89 grs.)

When this person arrived from Reynosa, Mexico, in an automobile, 8 ounces, 232.7 grains(241 grammes) of bulk marihuana were found in a sack under the front seat. On the floor of the car were found 14 grains (0.89 grammes) of loose marihuana seeds and leaves.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, August 20, 1946
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 pounds, 12 ounces, net(1.699 kgs.)

The manager of a bus station in checking the lockers at the station found an unclaimed suitcase. He turned it over to customs officers who found it contained marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, August 20, 1946
Names of defendants: Guadalupe Pedro PATRICIO, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 398.3 grains, net(25.84 grammes)

Acting on information that PATRICIO had purchased a quantity of marihuana in Matamoros, Mexico, customs patrolmen apprehended this person and found seven rolls of marihuana in his possession.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, August 25, 1946
Names of defendants: Angel RONQUILLO, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 52 grains, net(3.38 grammes)

RONQUILLO was arrested by local traffickers who found five and one-half marihuana cigarettes in his possession. He stated he smuggled the marihuana from Mexico by wading the Rio Grande River. The case was turned over to customs.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, August 26, 1946
Names of defendants: Norman PALMER, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 10 grains, net (0.65 grammes)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, August 30, 1946
Names of defendants: Joseph M. ELLIS, American negro.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 pounds, 47 grains, net (909 grammes)

Customs patrolmen observed ELLIS crawling through a hole in the International Boundary fence. Four marihuana cigarettes, weighing 47 grains (3 grammes) were found in his possession. When daylight came, the arresting officers made a more thorough search of the area of arrest and found 2 pounds (906 grammes) of bulk marihuana in a depression in the sidewalk. The defendant admitted he purchased the marihuana in Mexicali, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, August 31, 1946
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 118.5 grains, net (36.04 grs.)

A customs inspector found a package of loose marihuana concealed in the back of a Juárez-El Paso streetcar.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, September 1, 1946
Names of defendants: Antonio CASTILLO, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 5 pounds, 437 grains, net (2.293 kilos)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez.

Place and date of seizure: Terminal Island, California, September 3, 1946
Names of defendants: Johnnie J. GUSTAFSON, American citizen
Quantities of marihuana seized: 58.50 grains, net (3.78 grammes)

When the American steamship MOINIA MICHAEL arrived from the Panama Canal Zone, a customs officer found a small package of marihuana in the quarters of Johnnie J. GUSTAFSON, crewmember.

Place and date of seizure: McAllen, Texas, September 3, 1946
Names of defendants: Manuel PEQUEÑO-Hensiano, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 3.4 grains, net (0.214 grammes)

A partially smoked marihuana cigarette smuggled from Reynosa, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, September 3, 1946
Names of defendants: Nosta HARKINS, American negress.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 7.9 grains, net (0.512 grammes)

One marihuana cigarette smuggled from Nuevo Laredo.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, September 4, 1946
Names of defendants: Charles Leonard TALLEY, American negro.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 5 pounds, 10 ounces, net (2.551 kgs.)

Customs patrolmen received information that a negro had purchased a quantity of marihuana in Juarez and that it would be delivered to him at a certain El Paso Hotel. They arrested him after he accepted delivery of the marihuana, and after he tried to get rid of the marihuana by throwing it out of the hotel window. He admitted that he purchased the marihuana in Juarez for \$60 and that he was on parole in Chicago for a previous marihuana conviction.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, September 9, 1946
Names of defendants: Delfino C. ALEJANDRO, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, net(453 grammes)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Nuevo Laredo in an improvised cotton belt tied around the defendant's waist.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, September 11, 1946
Names of defendants: Luciano GARZA, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of mar huana seized: 12 pounds, 11 ounces, net(5.754 kgs.)

Acting on information that some marihuana was to be crossed into the United States at a point three miles above Laredo, customs patrolmen maintained a watch at this point. Later a man drove up to this place in an automobile, got out and went toward the river, returning in about 45 minutes carrying a burlap sack. He stated he had been hired to deliver the marihuana to another person on the San Antonio highway, but this person was never seen.

(signed) H. J. Anslinger
Commissioner of Narcotics