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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 1946EGYPT

SEIZURE OF 315 GRAMMES OF COCAINE AT ALEXANDRIA ON 25 AUGUST 1946

Report communicated by the Government of Egypt
31 December 1946Note 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 seizure to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

Upon information to the effect that Michael Yanni Katramados was offering for sale a quantity of cocaine, the reporter was instructed to get in touch with him and make arrangements for the sale of the drugs to a doctor of Port-Said and a C.N.I.B. officer was instructed to act as the pseudo-doctor. After several times, the officer and Michael agreed to complete the transaction at LE.2 per gramme and Michael, being an intermediary only, promised to introduce the pseudo-doctor to the owner of the drugs.

On 25/8/1946, the officer met Michael at a certain coffee-shop and after a quarter of an hour a certain Panayotti Hadjidimitriou arrived in his car and joined them. The trio drove to Panayotti's house when they entered the flat an unknown woman who, it was reported, had smuggled the drugs into Egypt, showed the drugs which were kept in her hand bag. The officer then gave the pre-arranged signal to the force in the neighbourhood and the house was immediately raided. Michael tried to take the drugs by force from the officer. The woman escaped from the window but the other two accused were arrested and on interrogation they stated that the cocaine was the property of the woman who escaped. This woman turned out to be Marguerite Panayioti Sahtouris.

The weight of the drugs seized was 315 grammes of cocaine.

The accused were tried by the Mixed Court, Alexandria on 16th. December 1946 and sentenced as follows:-

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| 1) Michael Yanni Katramados |) | |
| 2) Panayotti M. Hadjidimitriou |) | One year's imprisonment and |
| 3) Marguerite Panayioti Sahtouris |) | fine of LE.200 |
| (by default) |) | |

The source of origin of the seized drugs is unknown.