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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 1946EGYPTSEIZURE OF 1.007 KGS. OF HEROIN AT ALEXANDRIA
ON 11 APRIL 1946Report communicated by the Government of Egypt
1 September 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 a Greek named Stavros Yanni ROUSSAKIS had a large quantity of heroin and that he was looking for a European buyer as his dealings with Egyptian traffickers had met with failure, arrangements were made to arrest him "en flagrant delit"

On 11.4.1946 a C.N.I.B. officer was introduced to him as a buyer and a rendez-vous was arranged between them in a "gharry" where the pseudo-buyer was shown a sample of the heroin offered for sale. They agreed that Roussakis would hand over half a kilo of heroin against L.E.600 and that the delivery of the drug should take place on the same day. The trafficker went away to bring the drug and after a while he returned and met the pseudo-buyer who gave a pre-arranged signal whereupon another C.N.I.B. officer hastened to his help and they both managed to arrest Roussakis and seized on him 250 grammes of heroin. His domicile was searched and a further quantity of 757 grammes of heroin was found concealed in a leather bag inside a cupboard.

During a conversation with the pseudo-buyer Roussakis confirmed the existence of 200 kilos of heroin stored in Greece but he declined to furnish any further particulars as regards their whereabouts.

Enquiries revealed that Roussakis had come to Egypt on or about February 23, 1946. He succeeded to smuggle through the Customs 2.500 kgs. of heroin. His intention was to sell the narcotics and with the money obtained to purchase a "caïque" to import into Egypt the rest of the heroin stored in Greece.

As reported by the Greek authorities, Roussakis is a notorious drug trafficker who was previously convicted in two drug cases by the Greek courts.

On July 7th, 1946 the accused was tried by the Mixed Court, Alex., and sentenced to two years' imprisonment and a fine of L.E.200.

The source of origin of the drug seized is under inquiry.