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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 1946

AUSTRALIA

SEIZURE OF 9 KG. 412 GR. OF RAW OPIUM MADE  
AT FREMANTLE ON 23 OCTOBER 1947

Report Communicated by the Government of Australia  
on 14 November 1947

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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 seizure to the Members of the United Nations and  
to the other parties to the Convention.

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STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS

REPORT OF OPIUM SEIZED AT FREMANTLE, W. A. ON 23.10.47

1. Name of Drug: Raw Opium.
2. Place and Date of Seizure: Fremantle, Western Australia, on 23.10.47.
3. Quantity seized: 20-3/4 lbs. (9 kg. 412 gr.)
4. Name of Person or Firm implicated: Ownership not established.
5. Name and Owner or Nationality of Ship: s/s "Masula" - British  
Owned by British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.
6. Coming from: Calcutta.
7. Date of Leaving First Port: 25th September, 1947.
8. Ports of Call en route: Vizagapatam - Madras
9. .Origin of Manufacture (Marks, labels, etc.): No markings. The  
opium was in block form varying in weight from approximately  
12 ounces (340.2 grammes) to 64 ounces (1 kg. 814.4 gr.). Each  
block was wrapped in newspapers printed in Calcutta in either  
English or Hindustani and bearing varying dates between January, 1946,  
to August, 1947.
10. Where shipped or forwarded from: Thought to have been obtained  
in India.
11. Remarks (circumstances surrounding seizure): The opium was found  
secreted in the cotton and/or cork packing in the casings of three  
sounding tubes in the tween decks amidship.
12. Particulars of any penalties imposed: Nil.

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(signed) F.I.H.  
(F. I. Hansen)  
ACTG. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, W.A.

Customs and Excise Office,  
Fremantle, W.A.  
24th October, 1947.

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