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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

CANADA

SEIZURE OF 0.06 GRAMMES OF MORPHINE HYDROCHLORIDE MADE AT
VANCOUVER, B.C., ON 27 MARCH 1947

Report No. 40 Communicated by the Government of Canada on 3 November 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

No. 40

1. Name of person or persons implicated: Gustoff TELLER (Occupation: Barber, prev. a stableman) (Canadian: Dutch) (Born: May 14, 1885)
2. Date of Seizure: March 27, 1947
3. Place of Seizure: Vancouver, B.C.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: Morphine Hydrochloride:
1 grain capsule (0.06 gramme)
5. Act and Section under which charged: Opium and Narcotic Drug Act
Sec. 4(d) "Possession of Morphine"
6. Result of prosecution:
 - (a) Date sentenced: March 31, 1947
 - (b) Where sentenced: Vancouver, B.C.
 - (c) Sentence: 2 years: \$200 (U.S.A.\$200) or one month in default
7. REMARKS: Information was forthcoming that Teller, a well-known criminal addict, had begun to distribute "Brown" Heroin in capsule form. Observation on the activities of this man was maintained and he was apprehended and searched on March 24th but with negative results. On the 27th March, however, while trying to make contact with Louis Rossi (recently convicted as a drug trafficker) he was grabbed and forced to disgorge a capsule he was attempting to swallow. He was placed under arrest and to a charge of "Illegal Possession" he pleaded guilty, being sentenced as stated.

Teller has several convictions recorded against him for breaches of the Drug Act, the first one dating back to 1919.

At Seattle, Wash., U.S.A., on April 16, 1937, he was deported under the name of Gus Anderson for a violation of the Immigration Laws (PD#22634). Again at Seattle on Nov. 4th, 1937, he was arrested as a pickpocket and prowler, being given 90 days suspended sentence to leave the U.S.A. (PD#22634).

JS/JC
Ottawa, Ont.
1 November 1947

(signed) K.C. Hossick,
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