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AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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SEIZURES OF CANNABIS AND COCAINE EFFECTED AT ATLANTIC COAST PORTS DURING
JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1946

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

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

No. 1143

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

April 11, 1947

1. Date of seizure: See dates given below
2. Place of seizure: See places listed below
3. Name of person or firm implicated: See defendants named below
4. Name of ship: See "Remarks" below
5. Coming from: See "Remarks" below
6. Date of leaving first port:
7. Destination and date of arrival:
8. Ports of call:
9. Owners or nationality of ship:
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 2 pounds, 9 ounces, 122.15 grains (1 kg. 170.3 gr.) net of marihuana, consisting of the dried pulverized flowering tops and leaves of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States; 3 ounces, 250 grains (101.3 grammes) net, of hashish, consisting of the compressed resin of the cannabis plant; 1 pound, 10 ounces, 350.5 grains (759.8 grammes) net of takrouri, consisting of the finely ground flowering tops of the cannabis plant; 2 ounces, 350 grains (79.4 grammes) net, of kif, consisting of the coarsely ground tops and leaves of the cannabis plant; and 13 grains (0.8 grammes) net of cocaine.
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): See "Remarks" below
12. Where shipped or forwarded from: See "Remarks" below
13. Forwarding agents or consignors: See "Remarks" below
14. Destination or address: United States
15. Remarks: There appears below a summary of cannabis and cocaine seizures effected at Atlantic Coast ports during the months of July, August, and September, 1946.

/Place and date of seizure:

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1946

Names of defendants: Samuel Billy MOSELY, American negro

Quantities of cannabis seized: 15 ounces, 276 grains (443.1 grammes)
net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship RICHARD J. HOPKINS arrived from Rouen and LeHavre, a customs officer found a package of marihuana under the jacket of MOSELY, a crew member, as he left the vessel. MOSELY stated he purchased the marihuana in LeHavre.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, August 14, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 2 grains, (28.5 grammes)
net of marihuana.

A customs searcher aboard the American steamship MARINE SHARK found a package of marihuana on a vent, overhead, in the steward's quarters, "B" deck, starboard, zone 6. The MARINE SHARK arrived from Genoa, via Naples and Palermo.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, September 15, 1946

Names of defendants: Fred Leroy WILLIAMS, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 342 grains, (22.2 grammes) net,
of takrouri.

Search of the person of Fred Leroy WILLIAMS, seaman on the American steamship EXTAVIA, arrived from Casablanca, resulted in the discovery of a package of takrouri concealed beneath his belt.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, August 15 and 16, 1946

Names of defendants: Charles Theodore CLOWERS, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 388 grains, (110.2 grammes)
net of marihuana.

The American steamship THOMAS H. SUMNER, in port from Cherbourg, was searched by customs officers who discovered a tin of marihuana,

/weighing 156 grains,

weighing 156 grains, (10.1 grammes) on the person of Charles Theodore CLOWERS, boatswain, on August 15. On the following day they found a tin containing 1 ounce, 2 grains, (28.5 grammes) of marihuana under a ship's lamp in the lamp locker, starboard side, forward. Later on August 16 a cigar box holding 2 ounces, 230 grains (71.6 grammes) of marihuana was found under a coil of rope in the masthouse, portside, forward.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, August 16, 1946

Names of defendants: Leandro CRUZ, American Citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 10 grains, (0.6 gramme) net, of marihuana.

Leandro CRUZ, oiler on the American steamship EXPORTER which arrived from Casablanca, was searched by a customs officer when he left the vessel and a small package of marihuana was found under the lapel pocket of his jacket coat. He claimed he obtained the marihuana in Jersey City, but it is suspected he purchased it in Casablanca, in which event it might be takrouri or kif. However, in the absence of a chemist's report as to the particular type of cannabis preparation it might be, it shall be termed "marihuana".

Place and date of seizure: New York City, August 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Hector R. MELENDEZ, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 6 ounces, 211 grains, (183.8 grammes) net, of marihuana.

The defendant was searched when he came ashore from the American steamship SANTA ELISA and a package of marihuana was found on his person. MELENDEZ stated he purchased the marihuana in Valparaiso, Chile.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
August 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Rayfield PHILLIPS, American Citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 12 ounces, 196.9 grains, (352.9 grammes) net, of marihuana.

/Upon the arrival

Upon the arrival of the American steamship THOMAS WOLFE a customs officer was about to search Rayfield PHILLIPS, a crewmember, when this person attempted to return to the ship. He was apprehended and a package of marihuana was found in his possession. He stated he purchased the marihuana in Rotterdam and intended selling it in the United States.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, September 1, 1946

Names of defendants: Emil Frederick JACOBY, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 77.5 grains, (33.4 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When a customs officer searched the locker aboard the American steamship ARGENTINA of Emil Frederick JACOBY, messman, he found an envelope containing 183 grains (11.8 grammes) of marihuana in the pocket of a coat hanging therein. JACOBY stated he was given the marihuana by a man who looked like a Spaniard in a bar in LeHavre. On the same day a customs officer found a package of marihuana, weighing 260 grains, (16.9 grammes) between piping and a ledge in a hatch in the lower hold. A package containing 72 grains (4.7 grammes) of marihuana was found on a ledge in the crew toilet, "D" deck, aft.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, September 3, 1946

Names of defendants: William ANDERSON, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 250 grains, (101.3 grammes) net, of hashish.

A port patrol officer intercepted William ANDERSON, assistant cook of the American steamship MERIDIAN VICTORY, as he was leaving the ship and found a package of hashish on his person. ANDERSON claimed he found the package near the doorway of the engine room of the vessel and picked it up, suspecting it might be "gold dust". This story is not believed, as the vessel touched at the port of Istanbul and it is likely that the defendant purchased a quantity of Turkish hashish in that city.

/Place and date of

Place and date of seizure: New York City, September 16, 1946

Names of defendants: James GRAY, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 22 grains, (1.4 grammes) net,
of marihuana; 13 grains, (0.8 grammes) net, of cocaine.

After the arrival of the American motor vessel CAPE TRAFALGAR from Maracaibo, Venezuela, a customs officer was given a package of marihuana and a bottle containing cocaine by the master who stated he had found the drugs in the locker of James GRAY, A. B. seaman. GRAY was taken into custody and stated he obtained the marihuana and cocaine from a prostitute in Maracaibo.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, September 17, 1946

Names of defendants: Taft Ted Harris, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 120 grains, (7.8 grammes) net of marihuana.

When the American steamship MARINE MARLIN appeared from Trinidad, via Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Veracruz, Lisbon and Bilbao, a customs officer found a package containing 23 marihuana cigarettes in the coat pocket of Taft Ted HARRIS, ship waiter. The marihuana had been purchased in Veracruz.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, September 18, 1946

Names of defendants: Elwood R. HOWARD, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 350 grains (79.4 grammes) net of kif.

Elwood R. HOWARD, fireman on the American steamship MARSHFIELD VICTORY, was searched by a customs officer who found a package of kif mixed with tobacco in his possession. HOWARD stated he obtained the kif in Casablanca in exchange for a carton of American cigarettes.

Place and date of seizure: Baltimore, Maryland, September 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Harry J. UTRATIL, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 131.25 grains, (8.5 grammes) net,
of marihuana.

/A customs searcher

A customs searcher aboard the American steamship ESSO ROCHESTER found a paper bag of marihuana in the locker of Harry J. UTRATIL, a member of the crew. UTRATIL stated he had been given the marihuana by a prostitute in Aruba, Netherlands Antilles.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, September 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 10 ounces, 8.5 grains, (737.6 grammes) net, of takrouri.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship GAUNTLET from Capetown and other African ports a customs searcher found a package containing 1 pound, 6 ounces, 126 grains, (631.8 grammes) of takrouri in the steward's gear locker, portside of a working alleyway, under mattresses. On the same day there was found in the same locker a package containing 3 ounces, 320 grains, (105.8 grammes) of takrouri.

The analysis of the chemist who examined this last reported seizure stated that it resembled takrouri and consisted of finely ground cannabis tops. Other statements as to the identity of various types of cannabis preparations seized are based on reports received from examining chemists.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the French, British, Chilean, Venezuelan, Netherlands, and Turkish authorities.

(Signed) H. J. ANSLINGER

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