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DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931
AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SEIZURES OF MARIHUANA AND TAKROURI AT ATLANTIC COAST PORTS
DURING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1946Report No. 1151 Communicated by the Government of the
United States of America on 17 July 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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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

Washington, D.C.

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

May 21, 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: 12 pounds, 435.5 grains, net (5 kg. 471.3 grs.) net, of marihuana, consisting of the dried, pulverized flowering tops, stems, leaves, and seeds of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States; 7 ounces, 242 grains (214.1 grammes) net, of takrouri, consisting of the finely chopped and screened flowering tops and leaves of the cannabis plant in the form produced in North Africa.
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): The marihuana bore no identifying marks or labels. The takrouri in one instance bore the label of the "Regence de Tunis - Monopole." In another instance the takrouri was unlabeled but was identified as such by chemical analysis and the statement of the defendant.
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 seizures effected at Atlantic Coast ports during the months of October, November, and December, 1946, and January 1947:

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

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 50 grains (31.6 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship AFRICAN STAR arrived from Durban, Beira, Lourenco Marques, Port Elizabeth, Capetown, and Port of Spain, a customs searcher found a quantity of marihuana wrapped in native leaf (straw

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wrapping) in an iron pipe in a work alley near ice-boxes, portside.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, October 29, 1946
 Names of defendants: David Alexander PRICE, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 25 grains (1.6 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When PRICE was in the office of the supervising customs agent on another matter he was in possession of a suitcase, examination of which revealed four marihuana cigarettes concealed beneath a bottle of toilet water. PRICE was a galleyman on the American steamship AFRICAN DAWN in port from Dar-es-Salaam, Lourenco Marques, Capetown, and Trinidad. The cigarette paper wrappers were marked "Arroz" (rice).

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, November 16, 1946
 Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 320 grains (105.8 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Customs search of the American steamship WINIFRED L. SMITH upon its arrival from Casablanca, and Gibraltar resulted in the discovery of 220 grains (14.25 grammes) of marihuana on an overhead vent in the dry stores, starboard side. Behind a ventilating fan in the dry storeroom was found a package of marihuana, weighing 3 ounces, 100 grains (91.53 grammes). It is possible this so-called "marihuana" was either kif or takrouri since the vessel came from Casablanca.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, November 20, 1946
 Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 30 grains, net, (1.9 grammes) of marihuana.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship ALBION VICTORY from Odessa, Constanza, Kavella, Salonica, Smyrna, Kalamata, Alexandria, and Boston, a customs officer found a small package of marihuana on a book ledge behind books in the quarters of the chief cook and second cook, both of whom denied ownership and were not arrested.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, November 25, 1946
 Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 399.5 grains (54.2 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship SANTA CATALINA arrived from Curacao, Laguaira, Puerto Cabello, Barranquilla, and Cartagena, customs searchers found 407 grains (26.4 grammes) of marihuana on a ventilator in a toilet, portside; 325 grains (21.1 grammes) of marihuana on a ledge in the shower room; and 105 grains (6.7 grammes) of marihuana in a loud-speaker frame in the petty officers' mess.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, November 26, 1946
 Name of defendants: William Henry LOCKHART, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 118 grains, net, (7.6 grammes) of marihuana.

A customs officer assigned to the gate at the Army Base intercepted William Henry LOCKHART, second cook on the United States Army Transport MARY CULLOM KIMBERO, and found twenty-eight marihuana cigarettes on his person. Thirteen of the cigarettes bore the word "Bambu" on the wrappers. The vessel arrived from Bremerhaven. LOCKHART claimed he purchased the marihuana in New York.

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Place and date of seizure: New York City, December 2, 1946
 Names of defendants: Armando J. RIOS, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction
Quantities of cannabis seized: 375 grains, net, (24.3 grammes) of marihuana.

RIOS was searched by a customs officer when he left the American steamship WASHINGTON and sixty-three marihuana cigarettes were found on his person. He claimed he purchased the marihuana in New York. The WASHINGTON arrived from Le Havre.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, December 4, 1946
 Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 9 grains, net, (0.6 grammes) of marihuana

During a search of the American steamship CAPE CATOCHE a customs officer found a package of loose marihuana behind books in the oilers' quarters. The ship arrived from Soerabaja, Bandjamasin, Singapore, Hoshichang, Singapore, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Gibraltar, and Boston.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, December 8, 1946
 Names of defendants: Oliver THOMAS; and Edward THOMPSON: American citizens
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 275 grains, net, (74.5 grammes) of marihuana.

When Oliver THOMAS, chief cook on the American steamship CAPE AVINOF, left the pier he was searched and 125 grains (8.1 grammes) of marihuana were found on his person. A search of Edward THOMPSON, visitor to the vessel, who accompanied THOMAS revealed the presence of 2 ounces, 120 grains (64.5 grammes) of marihuana. A search of THOMPSON's home in New York resulted in the recovery of 30 grains (1.9 grammes) of marihuana and three marihuana cigarettes, weight not determined. The marihuana was the property of THOMPSON and THOMAS was assisting him to carry it ashore. It is not clear why THOMPSON carried the marihuana aboard the ship in the first place, since the investigation disclosed that he purchased the marihuana in New York.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, December 8, 1946
 Names of defendants: Andrew Z. CAMP, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 8 grains, net, (0.5 grammes) of marihuana.

A customs officer found a small envelope containing marihuana in the quarters of Andrew Z. CAMP, third engineer on the American steamship MARQUETTE VICTORY which arrived from Batavia, Samarang, Penang, Swettenham, Singapore, Aden, Suez, and Port Said. CAMP stated that he purchased the marihuana in Batavia.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, December 9, 1946
 Names of defendants: Boualem DJOUAMAI, French Moroccan
Quantities of cannabis seized: 17 grains, net, (1.1 grammes) of takrouri.

As DJOUAMAI, stoker on the French steamship LT. JEAN LE MEUR, was leaving the pier, a customs officer found a small package of takrouri on his person. The defendant stated he purchased the takrouri in a store in Morocco for 25 sous.

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Place and date of seizure: Hoboken, New Jersey, December 11, 1946
Names of defendants: Charles Alonzo HAND, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 grains, net, (0.1 grammes) of marihuana.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship WESTLINN VICTORY from Rotterdam a customs searcher found 2 grains (0.1 grammes) of marihuana in the locker of HAND, a junior engineer.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, December 13, 1946,
January 17 and 25, 1947
Names of defendants: John Anthony SKARICA, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 4 ounces, 338 grains, net, (135.3 grammes) of marihuana.

After the arrival of the American steamship ERNIE PYLE from Gdnyia, Bremerhaven and Le Havre, customs searchers made the following seizures of marihuana:

- 167 grains, (10.8 grammes) under lines and ropes in the rope locker, forward
- 390 grains, (25.3 grammes) under a mattress in the lower hold, forepeak
- 20 grains, (1.3 grammes) on a ledge in the crew's toilet, forward
- 336 grains, (21.8 grammes) under mattresses in the lower hold, forepeak
- 2 ounces, 130 grains, (65.1 grammes) on a ledge in the stewards' toilet, starboard side, forward
- 65 grains, (4.2 grammes) on a ledge in the passengers' toilet, forward

105 grains, (6.8 grammes) in the coat pocket of John A. SKARICA, bellboy who claimed the marihuana was purchased in New York City. The marihuana was rolled in 24 cigarettes watermarked "Bambu".

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, December 11, 1946
Names of defendants: James A. CAMA: and James B. TURNER: British subjects
Quantities of cannabis seized: 7 pounds, 3 ounces, 217.5 grains, net, (3 kg. 274.4 gr.) of marihuana.

Ten seizures were made on the British steamship CALGARY, arrived from Lagos, Duala, Takorodi, Cape Palmas, Freetown, and Norfolk, as follows:

- 2 pounds, 4 ounces, 373 grains (1 kg. 044.6 gr) behind a spare propeller on the poop deck, aft
- 7 ounces, 380 grains, (223.1 gr) under a sink in the engineers' messroom
- 3 ounces, 188 grains, (97.2 gr.) in the electrical storeroom
- 325 grains, (21.1 gr.) over a ledge in the forepeak
- 1 pound, 1 ounce, 410 grains, (508.5 gr.) under bags of potatoes in the vegetable refrigerator
- 15 ounces, 403 grains, (451.4 gr.) under gratings in the vegetable refrigerator
- 5 ounces, 224 grains, (156.3 gr.) found on the person of James B. TURNER, fireman.

TURNER was accompanied by James A. CAMA, head stoker, and stated he was carrying the marihuana for CAMA. Both were arrested.

15 ounces, 77.5 grains, (430.6 gr.) found on the person of James A. CAMA, companion of James B. TURNER. CAMA stated he purchased the marihuana seized from TURNER and himself in Duala, British West Africa.

- 9 ounces, 209 grains, (268.6 gr.) over a ventilator in the native stewards' toilet
- 2 ounces, 253 grains, (73.1 gr.) in a chain locker

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Place and date of seizure: New York City, December 16, 1946
Names of defendants: Robert ANDRADE, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 124 grains, (8 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship MARINE CARP arrived from Beirut, Haifa, Alexandria, Piraeus, Salonica, Istanbul, and Gibraltar, customs searchers found twenty-three marihuana cigarettes, weighing 101 grains (6.5 grammes) on a ledge in the stewards' quarters, forward. In the quarters of Robert ANDRADE, sculleryman, they found one marihuana cigarette, weighing 8 grains (0.5 grammes). Fifteen grains (0.9 grammes) of marihuana were discovered on a ledge on the boat deck, aft, starboard side.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, December 18, 1946
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 7 ounces, 225 grains, net (213 gr.) of takrouri.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship COOPER UNION VICTORY from Marseille, Algiers, La Goulette, Tunis, and Casablanca, customs officers found a box marked with the "Takrouri" label of the Tunisian Monoply containing 55 grains (3.6 gr.) of Takrouri in a roll of toilet paper in a box outside of the dry storeroom, portside. In the sleeve of a white mess jacket hanging in the main galley, back of door, portside entrance, they found thirty-one packages and eighteen boxes, totalling 7 ounces, 170 grains, (209.5 grammes) of takrouri. The eighteen boxes were labeled "Takrouri."

Place and date of seizure: New York City, December 24, 1946
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 pounds, 8 ounces, 374 grains, (1 kg. 158.2 gr.) net, of marihuana.

The American steamship EXIRIA arrived from Leghorn, Genoa, Vadoll, Naples, Palermo, Gibraltar, and Tangiers, at which time customs searchers found 10 ounces, 142 grains, (292.7 gr.) of marihuana in the fuel oil pumping station, portside, amidship. On a ledge in the cleaning locker, lower deck, portside, they found 10 ounces, 201 grains, (296.5 gr.) of marihuana. Two sacks of marihuana, weighing 1 pound, 4 ounces, 31 grains, (569 gr.) were found in the oilskinlocker.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, December 25, 1946
Names of defendants: Clarence DAIRE, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 32 grains, net, (2.1 gr.) of marihuana.

A customs officer searched Clarence DAIRE, chief cook on the American steamship ROBERT G. INGERSOL, when he came ashore and found a small quantity of marihuana in one of his trouser pockets. DAIRE claimed he obtained the marihuana from a former crewmember. The vessel arrived from Bremen.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, December 27, 1946
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 4 ounces, 296.5 grains, net, (586.1 gr.) of marihuana.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship RAFAEL R. RIVERA from Kalamata, Greece, customs search resulted in the discovery of a burlap bag holding 1 pound, 1 ounce, 425 grains, (509.5 gr.) of marihuana in the crew laundry, forward of number 3 hatch. In another space of this

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laundry were found 2 ounces, 309 grains, (76.7 gr.) of marihuana wrapped in a towel.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, December 31, 1946

Names of defendants: Roberto MADRIGAL; and Wilbert C. BODDEN; American citizens

Quantities of cannabis seized: 67 grains, (4.3 gr.) net, of marihuana.

During a search of the American steamship JOHAN PRINTZ in port from Rouen, a customs officer found 22 grains (1.4 gr.) of marihuana in the quarters of Roberto MADRIGAL, second cook. On the person of Wilbert C. BODDEN, bedroom steward, were found 9 grains (0.6 gr.) of marihuana. Thirty-six grains (2.3 gr.) of marihuana mixed with tobacco were discovered under a bunk in the quarters of MADRIGAL.

The term "marihuana" has been used in connection with a number of these seizures because the type of cannabis involved has not been definitely indicated. However, it is believed that in many of the cases of vessels arriving from European, Near Eastern, and African ports the cannabis seized was either kif or takrouri.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the Netherlands and French authorities.

(signed) H. J. Anslinger
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Commissioner of Narcotics
