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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 1946UNITED STATES OF AMERICASEIZURES OF VARIOUS NARCOTICS AT ATLANTIC COAST AND MEXICAN
GULF PORTS, AND IN HONOLULU, T.H., AND SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH, APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE 1946Report No. 1135 communicated by the Government of the
United States of America, September 13, 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 seizures to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

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

September 13, 1946

Date of seizure:	See dates given below.
Place of seizure:	See places listed below.
Name of person or firm implicated:	See defendants named below
Name of ship:	See "Remarks" below
Coming from:	See "Remarks" below
Date of leaving first port:	See "Remarks" below
Kind and quantity of drugs seized:	11 pounds, 70.78 grains (4 kgs. 987. grs.) net, of marihuana; 3 grains (.192 grs.) net, of charas; 4 pounds, 99.9 grains (1 kg. 818 grs.) of hashish; 14 ounces, 47.963 grains (400 grs.) of takrouri; and 3 ounces, 5 grains (25.37 grs.) of ganja. The marihuana consisted of the dried pulverized leaves and tops of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States; the charas and hashish consisted of the compressed resin of the cannabis plant; and the takrouri was of a finer consistency than typical marihuana, being quite finely pulverized. The ganja consisted largely of the flowering tops of the cannabis plant which were quite resinous, but contained also quite a little chaff.

Origin of manufacture (marks labels, etc.): See "Remarks" below

Where shipped or forwarded from: See "Remarks" below

Remarks:

There appears below a summary of cannabis seizures effected at Atlantic coast and Mexican Gulf ports, and in Honolulu, T. H., and San Juan, Puerto Rico, during the months of March, April, May, and June 1946, respectively:

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey; March 11, 1946.
Names of defendants: J. CARRIGG, American citizen.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 grains, (.192 grammes) net, of charas

When the American steamship MARY A. LIVERMORE arrived from Saigon, Colombo, and Port Said, a customs searcher found a piece of charas in the locker of J. CARRIGG, ordinary seaman. The defendant stated he exchanged a shirt in India for three pieces of charas; that he had smoked one piece; and that he had forgotten about the other two.

Place and date of seizure: Baltimore, Maryland; March 12, 1946
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 185.063 grains, net (6.4 grammes) of takrouri.

Customs officers searching the American steamship THOMAS HEYWARD arrived from Poti, Russia, and North African ports, found three packages of marihuana in various parts of the ship. The marihuana was contained in a small cardboard box marked "TAKROURI - Regence de Tunis Monopoles," and in addition certain stamps bore the word "Tunis" on the underside (see seizure reports Nos. 1126 and 1126a).

Place and date of seizure: New York City; March 12, May 29 and 31, 1946.
Names of defendants: Eladio Mercado, Catalino ALICIA, Anibal CABELLERO, American citizens of Puerto Rican extraction; and Luis FLAHERTY, American citizen.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 46.5 grains (873 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship SANTA PAULA on March 12 from Southampton, a customs searcher found five marihuana cigarettes weighing 21 grains (1.34 grammes) in the possession of Eladio Mercado. The defendant stated he had purchased the cigarettes in New York City. The vessel departed for LeHavre and returned to New York on May 29, at which time a customs officer found 49 grains (3.13 grammes) of marihuana in the personal effects of Luis FLAHERTY, steward. On May 31, a customs officer intercepted Catalino ALICIA and Anibal CABELLERO, visitors to the vessel, as they came ashore, and in the possession of the former found 119 grains (7.6 grammes) of marihuana. On and in the possession of the latter, were found three packages of marihuana, weighing 1 ounce 295 grains (456 grammes). Both persons stated they had received the marihuana from Frank FLORES, member of the crew. FLORES was arrested also.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York; March 13 and 14, 1946
 Names of defendants: T.J.GONZALEZ, American citizen.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 280.5 grains (894 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Customs searchers aboard the American steamship CALEB STRONG, arrived from Newport, England, found in the locker of T.J.GONZALEZ, utilityman, a jar containing 1 ounce, 400 grains (463.1 grammes) of loose marihuana. In a void concealed in the ceiling of the purser's office was found a bottle containing 318 grains (20.3 grammes) of marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Honolulu, T.H., Marcy 21, 1946
 Names of defendants: Curry GOUDEAU and J. R. LEVY, American citizens.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 11.88 grains, (.75 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When customs officers searched the American steamship ROSE KNOT, in port from Eniwetok and Pearl Harbor, they found two marihuana cigarettes on top of the locker of Curry GOUDEAU, messman. GOUDEAU stated the marihuana had been brought aboard the ship at Honolulu by J.R.LEVY, fellow crew member. Both men were taken into custody.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 22, 26, and 27, 1946
 Names of defendants: Ernest Bruce ORGLE; Leonard Edward WYATT; and David Henry McINTYRE, Jr.; American citizens.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 234 grains (890 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When Ernest Bruce ORGLE, fireman on the American steamship, SANTA CLARA VICTORY, just arrived from LeHavre, left the ship in New York on March 22, a customs officer searched him and found a package of marihuana, weighing 125 grains (8 grammes) under his clothing. On March 26, a customs officer found seven packages of marihuana, of a total net weight of 402 grains (25.7 grammes) on the person of Leonard Edward WYATT, messman on the ship. On the same date, a package of marihuana, weighing 245 grains (15.6 grammes) was found in the possession of David Henry McINTYRE, Jr., messman. On March 27, a customs searcher found a sack of marihuana, weighing 337 grains, (21.5 grammes) behind a water cooler in the crew working alley, starboard side, amidships.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, April 8, 1946
 Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 7 ounces, (198.45 grammes) net, of a substance believed to be takrouri.

After the American steamship EXCELLER arrived in port from Tunis, Casablanca, Oran, Algiers, and Baltimore, a bag of marihuana, weighing 7 ounces (198.45 grammes) was found under a bunk in a drawer in the quarters occupied by the chief cook and a utilityman. Although the drug seized bore no identifying marks or labels, its texture and the fact that the vessel arrived from Tunis and other North African ports would suggest that it was takrouri.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, and New York City, April 4 and 7, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 135.5 grains (94 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship FLYING ARROW arrived from Tematave and Lourenco Marques, a member of the customs searching squad found a paper package of bulk marihuana, weighing 62 grains(4 grammes) in a toilet on the port side of the vessel, amidships. On the same date, ten paper packages of bulk marihuana, of a total weight of 2 ounces, 175 grains (67.9 grammes) on an overhead bulkhead door, starboard side, amidships, were found. On April 7, after the vessel had arrived at New York City, five packages of marihuana weighing 284 grains(18 grammes) were found behind a ventilator in vacant gun crew quarters. Later that day a package of marihuana, weighing 52 grains(3.3 grammes) was found under packages of cereal in the dry storeroom.

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, April 11, 1946.
Names of defendants: Francis DeGIOVANNI, American citizen.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 169 grains, (10.8 grammes) net, of marihuana.

During a routine search of the American steamship PETER SENGEL by customs officers, there were found in the quarters of Francis DeGIOVANNI, crew member, four packages of marihuana, weighing 119 grains (7.6 grammes) a match box containing 44 grains(2.8 grammes), a small box holding 4 grains(256 grammes) of marihuana, and two marihuana cigarette butts, weighing 2 grains. DeGIOVANNI stated he has been smoking marihuana for about 10 or 11 months, and that he had purchased part of the marihuana in the Canal Zone and part in Oran, Algeria.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1946
Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 pounds, 14 ounces, 388.9 grains, net, (1 kgs. 779 grammes) of hashish.

Customs officers at Philadelphia made a very minute search of the Greek steamship NAVARCHOS KOUNDOURICTIS, since information had been received that a crew member was a well-known narcotic smuggler. The crew member in question did not prove to be identical with the narcotic suspect. However, search of the ship resulted in the discovery of three sacks of hashish in the lumber loft. The sacks were made of linen and were tied tightly at one end. The hashish was quite hard and solid. It is presumed that the sacks of hashish were what are known as Turbahs in Egypt and the Near East. The vessel arrived from Piraeus.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, April 19, 1946.
Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 174 grains (11.1 grammes) net, of marihuana.

A package of marihuana was found by customs searchers under a wash basin in a toilet used by passengers on the American steamship HENRY JOCELYN, arrived from Taidjong, Port Swettenham, Penang, Singapore, and Port Said.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, April 19, 1946
Names of defendants: Emedio Martins SILVA, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 5 grains, (.32 grammes) net, of marihuana

SILVA, a visitor to the American steamship BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON, in port from LeHavre, aroused the suspicions of a customs officer when he was observed loitering on the vessel in the company of a crew member, and was searched. One marihuana cigarette was found in his pocket. Apparently, he proved to the satisfaction of customs officers that the cigarette had been placed in his pocket the night before by a woman with whom he had been drinking. However, the vessel had arrived from LeHavre, at which port marihuana, takrouri, and hashish appear to be available to crew members of American vessels.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, April 24, 1946
Names of defendants: Henry METZ, and Howell JOHNSON, American citizens.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 28.5 grains (30.17 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship ALGIC arrived from Orah, Africa, the master of the vessel turned over to customs officers a package containing 93 grains (5.95 grammes) of marihuana which he had found in the locker of Henry METZ, fireman, and four packages of marihuana, weighing 373 grains (23.87 grammes) found in the locker of Howell JOHNSON, oiler.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, April 26, 1946
Names of defendants: Howard MYRICK, American citizen.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 251.5 grains, net (44.44 grs.) of marihuana, or takrouri.

When the customs searching squad boarded the American steamship SEDILLA VICTORY upon her arrival from LeHavre, a dice cup containing 44 grains (2.8 grammes) of either marihuana or takrouri was found in the possession of Howard MYRICK, chief baker. On the same date a package of marihuana, weighing 341 grains (21.82 grammes) was found on a ledge in the No. 4 hatch, and another package of marihuana or takrouri was discovered on top of a ventilator in the working alleyway, portside, amidships.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, May 3, 1946.
Names of defendants: Unknown.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 306 grains (76.28 grammes) net, of ganja.

The American steamship PRESIDENT TAFT arrived from Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombo, Cochon, Bombay, Karachi, Suez, Port Said, and Alexandria, at which time customs searchers found concealed under a baggage compartment door, deck "d", portside of vessel, a package of marihuana. The cannabis appeared to consist almost entirely of carefully selected tops of the female cannabis plant, rich in resin but somewhat dry, and did not contain dried leaves, seeds, and stalks of the plant as is usually the case with marihuana of North American, Mexican, and South American origin. It is believed that the cannabis was ganja of Indian origin.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, May 10, 1946.
Names of defendants: Unknown.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 170 grains (10.88 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Customs search of the American steamship JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS which arrived from Naples, via Genoa, Piraeus, Salerno, and Leghorn, resulted in the discovery under a table in the officers' messroom of three packages of marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, May 13, 1946
 Names of defendants: Anton GARCIA, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 75 grains, net (4.8 grammes) of marihuana

The master of the American steamship HALTON R. CLREY, arrived from Rotterdam, notified customs officers that Anton GARCIA, messman, was in possession of several marihuana cigarettes. GARCIA claimed he obtained the marihuana in New York.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 300.4 grains (189.3 grammes) net, of either kif or takrouri.

Customs searchers aboard the American steamship GEORGE ELDRIDGE after that vessel's arrival from Bremen, via Bona, Algeria, found a bag of either kif or takrouri, weighing 6 ounces, 300.4 grains, in an unoccupied cabin. A ship's officer stated that when the vessel was in Bona, an Arab came aboard on several occasions offering to sell cannabis to crew members.

Place and date of seizure: Yonkers, New York, May 15, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 12 ounces, 302.5 grains (359.5 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Upon boarding the American steamship SNAKE HEAD, in port from Tampico, a customs officer was taken by the master to the top of an overhead ventilator in the port alleyway of the main deck where someone had concealed a sock and a towel containing marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, May 21, 1946
 Names of defendants: Arcadio ORTIZ, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 17.5 grains, net (1.12 grammes) of marihuana.

A member of the customs searching squad found a small package of loose marihuana and a partly-smoked marihuana cigarette in the possession of Arcadio ORTIZ, wiper on the American steamship SIROCCO, arrived from West African ports. The defendant stated he obtained a quantity of marihuana on the West coast of Africa and used the greater portion of it on his return trip from Africa. He added that he has smoked marihuana most of his life. It was learned that he was on parole from the penitentiary, having been arrested by narcotic agents at Baltimore, Maryland, and subsequently sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment. He was ordered by the court to serve the remainder of the 5-year term, consisting of 480 days.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, May 23, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Emiliano VILLOCH, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 99.5 grains, net (63 grammes) of marihuana.

A customs officer intercepted the offender, as he was about to leave the American steamship WASHINGTON, in port from Southampton, England, and found on his person 145 marihuana cigarettes, weighing 1 ounce, 141 grains (37.37 grammes) and a bag containing 396 grains (25.34 grammes) net, of bulk marihuana, together with an old pipe used for smoking marihuana. The defendant claimed he had obtained the marihuana in New York.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, May 24, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Rufus W. NIMMONS, Claude William PATTERSON;
 Charles BROWN; Oliver LEWIS; and Leon A.
 PATTERSON; American citizens.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 5 pounds, 6 ounces, 422.5 grains,
 (2 kgs. 197 grs.) net of marihuana

When the American steamship S. MUEL JOHNSTON arrived from Lobito, Portuguese West Africa, the master of the vessel turned over to a customs officer three rolls of marihuana. One of the rolls of marihuana, weighing 4 ounces, 394 grains (138.61 grammes) was found in the possession of Rufus W. NIMMONS, crew member. Interrogation of NIMMONS led to the seizure of 4 pounds, 7 ounces, (2 kgs. 110 grs.) of marihuana in No. 4 hatch between decks, and the arrests of the other defendants. A quantity of loose marihuana, weighing 27 grains (1.72 grammes) was found in Nimmons' clothing. On the starboard side of the ship near dry stores was found a package of marihuana, weighing 88 grains (5.63 grammes); 219 grains (14 grammes) of loose marihuana were found on an overhead beam, amidships; and 10 ounces, 132 grains (291.94 grammes) of marihuana were discovered behind the aft deckhouse. A part of the marihuana consisted of three rolls wrapped in palm leaves or shoots and tied at both ends, being approximately 5 inches long by 3 inches in diameter. Marihuana packaged in this form and originating in Portuguese West Africa has been encountered on previous occasions.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, June 3, 1946.

Names of defendants: Louis BOUCHET, American citizen.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 6 ounces, 239.5 grains, net (185.42 grs.)
 of marihuana.

A port patrol officer intercepted the defendant when he came ashore from the American steamship SATURNIA, arrived from LeHavre, and found a quantity of loose marihuana, weighing 2 ounces, 204 grains (69.75 grammes) and 72 marihuana cigarettes, weighing 414 grains (26.5 grammes) in his clothing. In his quarters aboard the ship were found 3 ounces, 59 grains (88.82 grammes) of loose marihuana. He stated he obtained the marihuana from a man in a tavern in LeHavre. There is a possibility that the cannabis seized is either kif or takrouri, inasmuch as both types of cannabis appear to be available in LeHavre.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, June 4 and 5, 1946

Names of defendants: Walter LATTIMORE and Nathaniel STEWART, American citizens.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 9 ounces, 256 grains, net
 (724.53 grammes) of marihuana.

When the American steamship URUCUAY arrived from LeHavre, a package of marihuana was found on the person of Nathaniel STEWART, crew member. The marihuana weighed 6 grains (.384 gramme). STEWART stated there was a larger quantity of marihuana in the linen locker, and 1 pound, 9 ounces, 250 grains (724.15 grammes) of bulk marihuana contained in green rubberized cloth were found therein. The chief linen keeper, Walter LATTIMORE, was taken into custody. As in the case of the seizure mentioned immediately above, the source of the marihuana was LeHavre, and it is possible that it was either kif or takrouri.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, June 4, 1946
 Names of defendants: Geronico F. NUNES, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 175 grains, net (11.2 grammes) of marihuana.

This marihuana was found in the locker aboard the American steamship NICHOLAS GILMAN of Geronico F. NUNES, oiler. He claimed he had found the marihuana in his locker. The vessel arrived from Buenos Aires and Antwerp. Seized also was a bottle of cantharides marked "Umbro Liquid - Herman Kohler, Zurich, Suisse." In earlier seizures of Ambro Liquid, the preparation was found to contain small quantities of heroin, but in later seizures, including the instant one, no heroin was discovered. See seizure reports Nos. 1096a, 1100a, 1103a, and 117a.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, June 5, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Thomas PENDLETON, American citizen.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 132 grains, net (8.44 grammes) of either ganja or bhang.

During a routine search by customs officers of the American steamship JOHN FAIRFIELD, a quantity of either ganja or bhang was found in the pocket of a pair of trousers in the locker assigned to Thomas PENDLETON, seaman. PENDLETON stated he purchased the cannabis and a bottle of cantharides in India. The vessel touched at Bizagapatem, India, and Port Said, Egypt.

Place and date of seizure: San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 8, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Jose Diego Roman CATALA, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 6 ounces, 5 grains, net (623.42 grammes) of marihuana.

When the American steamship STATE OF VIRGINIA arrived from the Canal Zone, two sacks of bulk marihuana wrapped in an English language newspaper, "The Panama American," were found in the possession of CATALA, a messman.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, June 9, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 46 grains, net (2.94 grammes) of marihuana.

Customs searchers aboard the American steamship MARINE TIGER, arrived from Capetown, Durban, Port of Spain, and Trinidad, found a package of marihuana on a ledge in the companionway, starboard side, aft.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1946
 Names of defendants: Ramon OLIVERA, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 257.4 grains, net (16.448 grammes) of marihuana.

The marihuana was turned over to customs officers by the master of the American steamship SIDNEY WRIGHT who found it in the quarters of Ramon OLIVERA, seaman, who had been discharged for misconduct at Dakar, French West Africa.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York; June 12, 1946.
Names of defendants: Timothy Charles MURPHY, American citizen.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 397 grains, net (43.75 grammes)
of marihuana.

A bag of loose marihuana was found in the quarters aboard the American steamship COLBY VICTORY of Timothy Charles MURPHY, messman. The vessel arrived from LeHavre.

Place and date of seizure: New York City; June 13, 1946.
Names of defendants: Roberto SCOTT, American citizen.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 59 grains, net (3.77 grs.) of marihuana.

SCOTT was searched when he came ashore from the American steamship HOOD VICTORY and a package of marihuana was found in his shirt pocket. He claimed he purchased the marihuana in New York City. The vessel arrived from LeHavre.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, June 26, 1946.
Names of defendants: Philip CONSTANCE, American citizen.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 140 grains, net (65.66 grammes)
of marihuana.

The American steamship CATHLAMET arrived from Accra, Africa, at which time a quantity of marihuana was found in a money belt around the waist of Philip CONSTANCE, chef.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, July 10, 1946.
Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 143.5 grains, net (17.85 grammes)
of hashish.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship BLACK WARRIOR from South Africa, a customs officer found two oil skin packages of hashish on an overhead electric conduit.

(Signed) H. J. Anslinger
Commissioner of Narcotics