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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SEIZURES OF 66 KGS. 76.24 GRAMMES OF MARIHUANA, AT POINTS ON  
OR NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER AND ON THE PACIFIC COAST DURING  
THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1946

Report No. 1128 communicated by the Government of the  
United States of America, 15 April 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 DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 15, 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
Kind and quantity of drugs seized:	145 pounds, 13 ounces, 354.555 grains (66 kgs. 76.24 grammes) 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.
Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.):	No identifying marks or labels.
Where shipped or forwarded from:	Mexico
Forwarding agents:	See "Remarks" below
Destination or address:	United States

## Remarks:

There appears below a summary of marihuana (cannabia) seizures effected at points on or near the Mexican border and on the Pacific Coast during the months of January, February and March 1946 respectively.

Place and date of seizure: McAllen, Texas, January 1, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Jesus MARTINEZ Barron, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 lb., 8 ounces (679.8 grammes)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: McAllen, Texas, January 2, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Antonio RAMOS Sanchez, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 109.4 grains (6.98 grammes)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Mexico

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, January 4, 1946  
Names of defendants: Carroll Duane WOODWARD, and John GULL, American citizens.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 17.5 grains (1.12 grammes)

When the defendants, accompanied by two women, arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, they were searched. WOODWARD removed something from his coat pocket, and the customs inspector made him open his hand in which was clutched a marihuana cigarette in a cigarette package. A marihuana cigarette stub was found in a coat pocket. Two marihuana cigarettes were found in GULL's pockets.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, January 5, 1946  
Names of defendants: Unknown  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 238.5 grains (43.61 grammes)

Customs patrolmen received information that the janitor of a local building had found a quantity of marihuana in a radio in the lobby, and set a watch for anyone who might come to claim it. It was impossible to find any likely suspect.

Place and date of seizure: San Pedro, California, January 11, 1946.  
Names of Defendants: Unknown.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, 1 ounce, 30.63 grains ( 483.3 grammes)

When the American steamship RICHARD S. EWELL arrived from Trinidad, via Capetown, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, Rio de Janeiro, Angra dos Baños, Santos, Fortaleza, Camocim and the Canal Zone, customs searchers found 94 packages of bulk marihuana beneath a punching bag platform in the armed guard's quarters. Several of the crew members were suspected of smoking marihuana, but no arrests were made.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, January 12, 1946  
Names of defendants: Bernice BOBZINE, American citizen  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, 2 ounces, 180.25 grains (521.23 grammes)

This woman, accompanied by an unknown Mexican, arrived from Mexicali, Mexico, in an automobile. Since information had been received that these persons were smuggling marihuana, a thorough search was made of the car. During the search, the Mexican escaped into Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, January 16, 1946  
Names of defendants: Edward S. CANNON; Charles SMITH; and Anna SMITH;  
American citizens.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 36 pounds, 11 ounces, 6.6 grains  
(16 kg. 620 grammes)

Customs patrolmen, having been informed that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Edward S. Cannon, of New Orleans, Louisiana, were coming to Laredo for the purpose of securing a quantity of marihuana, placed a watch for them. It was learned that SMITH had gone to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and purchased the marihuana. When CANNON was seen leaving Laredo in his automobile, he was stopped and a sack of bulk marihuana was found therein. Charles and Anna SMITH were apprehended later. Charles SMITH and Edward S. CANNON are notorious New Orleans marihuana traffickers who have obtained their supplies from Mexico. Both have previous records of smuggling narcotics.

Place and date of seizure: Fabens, Texas, January 16, 1946  
Names of defendants: Unknown  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 ounces, 256 grains (129.78 grammes)

A member of the Reclamation Service found 58 rolls of marihuana in an irrigation ditch near Fabens and turned it over to customs patrolmen.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, January 17, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Arturo LEJIA, Valdemar, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 7 ounces (198.45 grammes)

Customs patrolmen stopped the defendant on the street and returned him to the customhouse for search, since they had information he had smuggled a quantity of marihuana from Juarez. The marihuana was found in his clothing.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, January 21, 1946  
Names of defendants: Clyde L. RIVERS; Nathaniel RIVERS; and George WOODS; American negroes.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 ounces, 37 grains (59.07 grammes)

When these persons arrived from Tijuana in an automobile, search of their persons resulted in the discovery of 25 marihuana cigarettes under the hat of Nathaniel RIVERS and one partially-smoked marihuana cigarette in his pocket. Clyde RIVERS dropped a package containing 24 marihuana cigarettes. While searching George WOODS, a customs inspector found a package containing 36 marihuana cigarettes on the floor.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, January 21, 1946  
Names of defendants: Felipe VENTON, Mexican citizen  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 ounces, 201 grains (69.56 grammes)

The defendant attempted to smuggle this bulk marihuana from Juarez wrapped in cloth placed in the small of his back and held in place by his belt. In his hipocket was a bottle of alcohol.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, January 22, 1946  
Names of defendants: Valentin ARRIETA; Jose J. SANCHEZ; and Tomas RODRIQUEZ; Mexican citizens.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 ounces, 411.5 grains  
(111.386 grammes)

These three men were arrested by El Paso police who found them hiding in a boxcar. Seventy-one marihuana cigarettes had been rolled in the boxcar from a quantity of loose marihuana in a package. The defendants stated they had purchased the marihuana in Mexico and entered the United States with it by wading the Rio Grande River near Ascarate.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, January 27, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Carlos ZAMORA and Angela De Colmenero REZA; Mexican citizens.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 20 pounds, 12 ounces.  
(9 kgs. 400 grammes)

Carlos ZAMORA was observed by immigration officers approaching from the direction of the river, and when called upon to halt he and a companion dropped the suitcases they were carrying and fled. The other man escaped into Mexico, but ZAMORA was apprehended. He stated he would deliver the marihuana to Angela REZA, and this woman was taken into custody.

Place and date of seizure: San Pedro, California, January 30, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Felicisimo LUNA, American citizen of Puerto Rican birth.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 55 grains (3.52 grammes)

When the American steamship CAPE GASPE arrived from Tocopilla, Chile, via Buenaventura, Puente Arenas and Callao, customs searchers found nine marihuana cigarettes in the possession of the defendant, a member of the crew.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, January 31, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Sabino VASQUEZ, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 81 grains (5.18 grammes)

When the defendant was questioned and searched by an immigration officer after his arrival from Juarez, it was discovered that he was wearing two pairs of trousers, and in a pocket of the under trousers had secreted three paper "bundles" of marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, January 31, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Edelmiro FERRIS Lozano, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 59.1 grains (3.78 grammes)

The defendant was searched when he arrived from Matamoros, Mexico, because he appeared to be under the influence of some stimulant. In a hip-pocket was found a paper roll of marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, January 31, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Juan TORRES, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 29.3 grains (1.88 grammes)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Matamoros, Mexico, in an upper coat pocket.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 1, 1946  
Names of defendants: Hosea CRUMPLER, Jr., American negro.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 321 grains (20.54 grammes)

Thirty-two marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Juarez concealed loosely in the shirt of the defendant.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 1, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Ike W. WILLIAMS, American negro.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 143 grains (9.15 grammes)

Fifteen marihuana cigarettes and one partially-smoked marihuana cigarette smuggled from Juárez. The defendant and Hosea CRUMPLER, Jr., mentioned immediately above, purchased, the marihuana cigarettes in Juárez.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 1, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Jesus RODRIQUEZ, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 1/4 grains (2.81 grammes)

The defendant was apprehended by immigration officers after he had entered the United States illegally from the vicinity of Juarez, and at the time of his apprehension, threw away five marihuana cigarettes.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 4, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Andrew Jackson, American negro,  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, 7 ounces, 5 grains  
( 651.77 grammes)

The defendant arrived from Juarez and seemed to be under the influence of liquor or drugs. A sack of marihuana weighing one pound, 7 ounces (651.45 grammes) was found tied to his belt on his left hip, and a partially -smoked cigarette in one of his pockets.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California, February 4, 1946  
Names of defendants: John RODRIQUEZ, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 16.9 grains (1.08 grammes)

When the American steamship COAST BUNKER arrived from Mansanillo, San Jose, La Libertad, Amapala, Balboa, La Union, Acajulta, Champerico, and Los Angeles, a customs officer found two marihuana cigarette butts in the sweat band of the hat of John RODRIQUEZ, member of the crew. Later that day a package of bulk marihuana, weighing 7.6 grains (0.48 grammes) was found in a drawer in a table in RODRIQUEZ' quarters.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, February 6, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Thomas C. CALANDRES, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 127 grains (8.13 grammes)

The defendant attempted to smuggle from Nuevo Laredo a quantity of bulk marihuana under a crudely constructed cloth belt built to resemble a bandage on his abdomen. He claimed to have undergone a recent operation.

Place and date of seizure: Hidalgo, Texas, February 9, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Unknown  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 pounds, 2 ounces  
( 1 kg. 868 grammes)

A customs patrolman found two sacks of bulk marihuana near the International Boundary line when making a routine inspection.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 11, 1946.  
Names of defendants: John LITTLE, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 23 grains (1.47 grammes)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 15, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Manuel LOPEZ; Cesario GALVADON; Salvador PEREZ;  
and Mario SANCHEZ; Mexican citizens.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 pounds, 4 ounces, 36 grains  
(1 kg. 474 grammes)

Police officers apprehended these Mexican juveniles in possession of four marihuana cigarettes, weighing 36 grains. One of the boys led police to a cache of bulk marihuana, weighing 3 pounds, 4 ounces (1 kg. 472 grammes). The defendants were turned over to customs patrolmen.

Place and date of seizure: San Pedro, California, February 16, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Arthur S. MARTINEZ, and Oscar E. WATKINS,  
American citizens.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 13.625 grains (0.87 gramme)

Upon the arrival of the American steamship CAPE JUBY from Quatemalan ports, a customs officer found one marihuana cigarette in the locker of MARTINEZ, a crew member. On the same date they found a match box of marihuana in his possession, and another match box of marihuana in the possession of Oscar E. WATKINS, fellow crew member. The total weight of the marihuana in the two match boxes was 6.38 grains (0.38 grammes).

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 17, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Wallace TAYLOR, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 ounces 34 grains (115.57 grammes)

One package of bulk marihuana and one partially-smoked marihuana cigarette smuggled from Juarez.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 17, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Francisco MARTINEZ, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 grains (0.192 gramme)

The defendant arrived from Juarez with a partially-smoked marihuana cigarette stock back of his left ear with a wad of chewing gum.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 18, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Gabe ROBINSON, American negro.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 12 grains (0.768 gramme)

When the defendant arrived from Juarez, he was searched, as he gave the impression of being a user of marihuana. The marihuana was found in one of his shoes.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 18, 1946.  
Names of defendants: Lorenzo LOERA, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 18 pounds, 10 ounces,  
(18 kgs. 437 grammes)

Immigration officers observed a man crossing the Rio Grande River from Mexico carrying a suitcase. When he saw the officers, he dropped the suitcase and escaped into Mexico. The officers picked up the suitcase and started toward El Paso. Presently, they saw a man approaching who seemed to be looking for someone. They took him into custody, and he admitted that he had purchased the marihuana for \$80 and had paid a Mexican \$5 to deliver it to him on the United States side of the border.

Place and date of seizure: McAllen, Texas, February 18, 1946  
 Names of defendants: W.W.STOREY and R.F.MERRICK, American citizens  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 7 pounds (3 kgs. 171 grammes)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Eagle Pass, Texas, February 21, 1946  
 Names of defendants: Antonio CONTRERAS Rioz, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 3 ounces, 429.5 grains (112.54 grammes)

One hundred and ninety-eight marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 23, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Unknown.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 213 grains (41.98 grammes)

A city toll collector found a package of bulk marihuana near the custom-house.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 23, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Raymond M. YFIELD, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 pounds, 8 ounces, 4 grains  
 (1 kg. 133 grammes)

Receiving information that the defendant had received a quantity of smuggled marihuana, customs patrolmen searched him and found 2 pounds, 8 ounces (1 kg. 132 grammes) of bulk marihuana, and one marihuana cigarette butt, weighing 4 grains (0.25 grammes) on his person.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, February 23, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Eugene PARKER, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce (28.35 grammes)

Ten marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Tijuana in the breast pocket of the coat of the defendant.

Place and date of seizure: Eagle Pass, Texas, February 24, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Royes NAVARRO, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 109.5 grains  
 (35.36 grammes)

Thirty-eight marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: McAllen, Texas, February 25, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Nicolas ESPINA, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 pounds, 6 ounces  
 (1 kg. 76 grammes)

One sack of bulk marihuana smuggled from Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 25, 1946.  
 Names of Defendants: Vicente MARTINEZ, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 13 grains (0.832 gramme)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez

Place and date of seizure: Eagle Pass, Texas, February 28, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Alejandro HERRERA, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 129 grains (8.25 grammes)

Fifteen marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Piedras Negras.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 2, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 ounces, 335 grains  
(134.84 grammes)

The janitor of the customhouse found a package of bulk marihuana weighing 3 ounces, 262 grains (101.81 grammes) and seventy-seven marihuana cigarettes, weighing 1 ounce, 73 grains (34.02 grammes) while cleaning the premises.

Place and date of seizure: Near Torcor, Texas, March 4, 1946.

Names of defendants: Antonio SANCHEZ, Mexican citizen.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, 7 ounces, 73.5 grains  
(656.75 grammes)

Immigration officers apprehended SANCHEZ after he had entered illegally from Mexico, and found 568 marihuana cigarettes weighing 9 ounces, 73.5 grains (259.85 grammes) and a package of bulk marihuana, weighing 14 ounces (396.9 grammes) in his possession.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 5, 1946.

Names of defendants: Lamberto GALVAN, Mexican citizen.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 429 grains (27.45 grammes)

Immigration officers saw GALVAN approach across the wooden railroad bridge from Juarez. In his possession was a package of bulk marihuana, weighing 402 grains (25.72 grammes) and three marihuana cigarettes, weighing 27 grains (1.73 grammes).

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 8, 1946.

Names of defendants: Carl O. WALCOTT, American citizen.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 ounces, 139 grains (65.6 grammes)

City police arrested the defendant in possession of 86 marihuana cigarettes, and turned him over to customs patrolmen.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 9, 1946

Names of defendants: Jesus MALDONADO, Mexican citizen.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 pounds, 15 ounces, 125.5 grains  
(1 kg., 339 grammes)

The defendant was arrested by immigration officers after he waded the Rio Grande River from near Juarez with a package of bulk marihuana in his possession. He was turned over to customs officers.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 9, 1946

Names of defendants: Leopoldo MORALES Garcia, Mexican citizen.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 378 grains (24.19 grammes)

Twenty-six marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Juarez:

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, March 9, 1946.

Names of defendants: Louis LEVEGNON; Jeff McCLINTON; and Thomas KING;  
American negroes.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 20 pounds, 5 ounces  
(9 kgs., 201 grammes)

When these three Chicago negroes returned from Matamoros, Mexico, search of their automobile revealed a sack of bulk marihuana in a suitcase in the trunk of the car; a sack of bulk marihuana under the spare tire; a sack of bulk marihuana under the hood on the left side; and a sack of bulk marihuana under the hood on the right side.



Place and date of seizure: Near Tornillo, Texas, March 9, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Pedro FLORES and Manuel SANCHEZ, Mexican citizens  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 354 grains (22.65 grammes)

The defendants were arrested by immigration officers after they waded the Rio Grande River from Mexico. SANCHEZ was carrying the marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Eagle Pass, Texas, March 10, 1946  
 Names of defendants: Ernesto CUELLAR San Miguel, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 23.5 grains (29.85 grammes)

The defendant was arrested on the Eagle Pass-Uvalde, Texas, highway with a package of bulk marihuana in his possession.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 11, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Unknown.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 361 grains (23.1 grammes)

A package of bulk marihuana was found on the steps of the Juarez-El Paso streetcar.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, March 11, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Leonard KEELING, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, 1 ounce, 218.75 grains (495.34 grammes)

Immigration officers arrested the defendant as he entered from Mexicali and found bulk marihuana on his person.

Place and date of seizure: Eagle Pass, Texas, March 13, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Leon SANDOVAL, American citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 140 grains (8.96 grammes)

The defendant was arrested by customs patrolmen who had information he had smuggled marihuana from Piedras Negras.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 16, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Charlemagne Jackson, American negro.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 16 pounds, 8 ounces ( 7 kgs., 474 grammes)

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Juarez.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, March 16, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Estanislao TORRES, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 240 grains (15.36 grammes)

Eight marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Mexicali.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 20, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Jesus MUNOZ, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 87 grains ( 5.57 grammes)

City police questioned MUNOZ in connection with the theft of an automobile. When they searched him, they found 10 marihuana cigarettes on his person. He was turned over to customs officers.

Place and date of seizure: Eagle Pass, Texas, March 2, 1946.  
 Names of defendants: Amador LAGUNAS Navarro, Mexican citizen.  
Quantities of marihuana seized: 156 grains ( 11.9 grammes)  
 Twenty marihuana cigarettes smuggled from Piedras Negras.

(signed) H. J. Anslinger  
 Commissioner of Narcotics