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July 2nd, 1948

H.J. Anslinger, Esq.,
Commissioner of Narcotics,
Treasury Department,
1300 E Street N.W.,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Anslinger,

Re - Joseph Taylor,
S.S. "Alcoa Pennant",

With further reference to my letter of January 2nd last, and your reply thereto of February 4th, under the above heading, I am quoting hereunder a further report received from our officers dated June 23rd, 1948, and from which you will note that Joseph Taylor apparently signed off the vessel at Mobile, Alabama on January 15th last:

"Further to P.S. Section report of the 3rd ultimo, please be advised that the S.S. 'Alcoa Pennant' arrived at this port from Montreal, Quebec, during the L.P.M. of the 21st instant and left the following day for the British West Indies.

"The vessel was boarded on the 22nd instant by Cst. K.V. Murray and the writer and Captain Joseph Castro was interviewed. He stated that the vessel had been operating between, Montreal, Quebec City and Port Alfred for three weeks prior to coming to Halifax and that she had been tied up with engine trouble at Quebec City for a short time during that period. This was the first occasion that the 'Alcoa Pennant' had called at Halifax, N.S., since leaving here on December 10th, 1947, for the British West Indies, and she was here for a period of only about twenty four hours to complete her cargo which had been almost completed at Montreal.

"Captain Castro stated that Joseph Taylor had been signed off the vessel at Mobile, Alabama, on

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"January 15th, 1948, along with all other crew members. Two of the crew members had subsequently been re-engaged. Captain Castro informed the writer that he had no knowledge of the present whereabouts of Joseph Taylor but thought likely that he would sign on another ship at Mobile.

"In view of the fact that the 'Alcoa Pennant' had called at a number of Canadian ports before arriving at Halifax and as Joseph Taylor was no longer a crew member no attempt was made to search the vessel. The Captain stated that he had no reason to believe that any of his crew were engaged in handling marihuana at the present time as the vessel had not been at any port where the drug could be obtained."

With further reference to the report of January 15th last, and your reply thereof of February 10th, under the above heading, I am advised that the report received from our officers dated January 15th, 1948, and from which you will note that Joseph Taylor was signed off the vessel at Mobile, Alabama on January 15th last:

Sincerely yours,

Further to P.S. Section Report of the 22nd instant, please be advised that the S.S. 'Alcoa Pennant' arrived at this port from New York during the L.P.M. of the 21st instant. **K.C. Hossick,**
Chief, Division of Narcotic Control

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