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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

27 August, 1941.

OFFICE OF THE
 DISTRICT COMMANDER
 NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

From: Commander, New Orleans District
 To: Commandant.
 Subject: Report of Armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerent.
 Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-CONFIDENTIAL).
 (b) Report of Captain of Port Detail, Algiers, La., 8/23/41.
 on Armed Merchant Vessel M.V. BRASTAGI, Dutch.
 Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (~~offensive~~) purposes only, provided that this vessel is employed in normal trade.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

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United States Coast Guard,CAPT OF PORT DETAIL

(Unit)

ALGIERS, LOUISIANA

(Place)

23 AUGUST 1941

(Date)

From: KENNEDY, JOHN S. RM2C
 To : Commander, New Orleans District.
 Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The MV BRASTIGI DUTCH
 (insert name and nationality of belligerent)
 was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS: ONE (1) FOUR INCH ROOF AND VINDERTFOORT. TELESCOPIC SIGHTS.
GUN MOUNTED ON STEEL PLATFORM ON POOP DECK.

AMMUNITION: FOURTY (40) ROUNDS OF FOUR (4) INCH AMMUNITION. NO PRACTICE
CHARGES.

SMALL ARMS: ONE (1) RIFLE ON BRIDGE. FOUR (4) PISTOLS. RIFLE IS TWENTY SIX
(26) CALIBER.

AMMUNITION: THERE ARE TWO HUNDRED (200) ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR THE RIFLE
AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY (150) FOR THE PISTOLS.

MAGAZINE: THE MAGAZINE IS LOCATED IN THE AFTER DECKHOUSE. THE MAGAZINE IS
FLOODED BY A SPRAY VALVE ON THE OVERHEAD. THERE ARE FOURTY ROUNDS OF FOUR
(4) INCH AMMUNITION STORED IN BOX JUST FORWARD OF THE GUN.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION IS FROM
THE GUN DECK TO THE BRIDGE. THE GUN DECK IS FLOODED BY A DECK HOSE.

GUNS CREWS: THERE ARE TWO (2) RATED GUNNERS BESIDES THE CHIEF GUNNERY OFFICER
THE REST OF THE GUN CREW IS CHOSEN FROM THE STAMEN.

REMARKS: THE SHIP IS EQUIPPED WITH DEGAUZZING GEAR, BUT NO PARAVANES

(FORM N-12).

John S. Kennedy
 JOHN S. KENNEDY

(Signature)

R.M.2C. (PRO).

(Rank or rating).