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CAPTAIN OF THE PORT  
FOR NEW YORK HARBOR AND VICINITY

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TO THE "CAPTAIN OF THE PORT"  
ROOM 10, BARGE OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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From: Captain of the Port of New York, Third Naval District.  
To: Commandant.  
Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

1. The Panamanian S/S BUSH RANGER was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1-U.S. 4" Mark IX Mod. 5 1918 No. 989. Elevation 30° / 10°. Arc of train 360°. Telescopic sights. Located after end top of after deckhouse.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 2-Lewis .30 machine gun, located after end of boat-deck.

MAGAZINE: port side, aft, in after watertight flat. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: 1-Aldis (day) lamp.

PERSONNEL: 2-certified merchant navy defense officers. Balance taken from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-Schermuly pistol; 4-rockets, distress type; 1-convoy light; 2-buoys; 2-bomb proof shelters, located after end of boatdeck; armor plate and plastic armor around bridge and radioroom; hull De Gausse (steel casing)

2. It is the opinion of this office that the above-mentioned armament is carried for defensive purposes only, provided the vessel is employed in normal trade.

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3. Inclosed are two (2) photographs of this vessel showing her guns and their location.

NOTE: No photographs if reinspected.

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