

31 October, 1941.

U. S. Maritime Commission,
45 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

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In compliance with the request contained in your letter of
October 30, 1941, authority is granted to make
the following repairs, installation, or modification to present equip-
ment aboard the Panamanian S/S EL CORTON by the
Bethlehem Steel Company, 56th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.:

Install DeGaussing system, pilot house protection, sea-valve
strengthening and defense crew accommodations.

Install one (1) 4"/50 calibre gun and two (2) .30 calibre Lewis
machine guns, provided the installation is for defensive pur-
poses only.

The installation of the guns listed above does not imply that
such vessel with defensive armament will be granted a permit
to sail from ports of the United States.

~~This permit does not authorize the installation of any guns.~~

Very truly yours,

J. S. BAYLIS,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard.

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Copy to:
Headquarters.
Collector of Customs, N. Y.