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29 November, 1941

From: Captain of the Port of New York, Third Naval District.
To: Collector of Customs, New York.

Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter 29 November, 1941 (WHL:cm).

1. The American S/S EL MUNDO was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" gun 1919, mk. IX mod. V No. 2206. Elevation 30° / 5°. Arc of train 300°. Telescopic sights. Located special raised platform on stern, protective shield.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .30 machine guns. (Mounts: 2-on fore ward end of after deck house, 2-on aft end of bridge).

MAGAZINE: Aft lazaret space. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone.

PERSONNEL: Taken from ship's regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-Convoy light; 4-bomb proof shelters, (2) on bridge, (2) on after deck house; concrete slabs around bridge and radioroom; hull DeGaussed (wired).

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.

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

NOTE: No photographs is reinspected.

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