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26 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 26 November, 1941. (WEL;cm)

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1-4" gun mark IX Mod. 5, No. 2205, 1919. Elevation 300/50. Arc of Train 220°. Telescopic sights. Located special built platform on after end of deck house.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 2-Lewis .30; 2-Lewis .30 machine guns. (mounts (2) after port bridge deck; (2) forward end of after deck house.

MAGAZINE: Located in lazarett space. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone

PERSONNEL:

MISCELLANEOUS: 4-bomb proof shelters; located (2) after end bridge deck, (2) forward end after deck house. Concrete slabs and armor plate around bridge. Concrete slabs around radioreom. 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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