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7 April, 1941.

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 7 April, 1941 (WRL:cm)

1. The Norwegian S/S EVANGER was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: (1) 1 - B.L. 4" wire mark VII C.O.W 1911 No. 1122. Elevation 15° + 4°. Arc of train 280°. Telescopic and open sights. Located on a special raised platform top of aft deck house. 39-rds cordite charges; 39-rds H.E. shells; 3-practice shells and 41-percussion tubes.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 2-Hotchkiss machine guns .303; 3-machine gun mounts located two on top of the flying bridge and one on port side top of aft deck house; 1-Ross rifle .303; 1454-rds .303.

MAGAZINE: Ammunition stowed in steel lockers on top of aft deck house. Flooded by a permanent flooding system.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone from bridge to gun. 1-Aldis daylight signalling lamp.

PERSONNEL: 1-Gun layer (Norwegian Navy); 5-merchant seaman gunners; balance of gun's crew taken from regular ship's force; 3-certified merchant navy defense officers on board.

MISCELLANEOUS: 6-smoke floats; 10-steel helmets; 28-civilian gas masks; 1-Kongsberg pistol and 2-rockets; 1-zig-zag clock; 3-bomb proof shelters located two on top of the flying bridge and one on the port side top of aft deck house; cement slabs used around the bridge and radio room for protection; 1-convoy light and two convoy buoys; DeGaussed (wired).

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

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2. Inclosed herewith are - - - - - photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

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