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14 December, 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 14 December, 1941

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 3" mod. 4 A.N. & B.R. mfg. Co. 1906, mark III No. 570°. Elevation 30° + 5°. Arc of train 270°. Telescopic sights. Located special raised platform after end top of deck house. 49-rds fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 2-Colt .50, 2-Hotchkiss .30 machine guns. (Mounts: 2-wings of bridge, 2-after end of boat deck), 2,100-rds ammunition. 1,600-rd (.50 cal.) ammunition. 1-LeeEnfield .303, 2-Smith & Wesson .38, 1-Colt .32 revolvers. 382-rds revolver ammunition.

MAGAZINE: Port side aftain steering room. Flooded by sprinkler system.

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

PERSONNEL: 1-Gun layer (R. Norw. N.); 2-certified merchant navy defense officers; 8-merchant seamen gunners; balance taken from ship's regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 6-Smoke floats; 6-igniters; 14-steel helmets; 33-civil. duty gas masks; 1-zig-zag clock; 2-PAC projectors, 4-rockets, 12-snowflake rockets; 4-sets fouling cables; 1-convoy light; 1-buoy; 2-kites, flown from mainmast; 5-bomb proof shelters, (2) wings of bridge, (2) after end of boat deck, (1) top of after deck house; concrete slabs around bridge and radioroom; hull DeGaussed (Wired); 1-barrage balloon, 6-cylinders of hydrogen.

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 no photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

NOTE: No photographs is reinspected.

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