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REPORT OF ARMAMENT OF BELLIGERENT MERCHANT VESSEL


The British Steamship FORT BABINE was inspected by the Customs Officials at Seattle, Washington on 10 July, 1942, and the following armament found on board:

GUNS: 1- 4 inch stern gun with 90 rounds

SMALL ARMS: 4 Machine guns with 5000 rounds. Machine gun mounts protected by concrete.

MISC: 3 Kites, 2 Paravanes with no equipment.
6 Smoke floats. 8 Decontamination suits.
Deguassing cable. 6 Rockets, Bridge and radio enclosed in concrete.

It is believed that this vessel is armed for defense purpose only.


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