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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT
FOR NEW YORK HARBOR AND VICINITY

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TO THE "CAPTAIN OF THE PORT"
ROOM 10, BARGE OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

11 February, 1942

From: Captain of the Port of New York, Third Naval District.
To: Commandant.
Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1-4" Gun. Emplacement for gun on stern.
The 4" gun is stowed in No. 5 hold tween deck.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis. 30 machine gun (still crated) 1160-rds.
machine gun ammunition.

MAGAZINE: port side after end in after deck house. Flooded by sprinkler system.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone (to poop).

PERSONNEL: Taken from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 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 for trade.

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3. Inclosed are no photographs of this vessel showing her guns and their location.

NOTE: No photographs if reinspected.

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