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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 3 July, 1942.

From: To: District Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.

Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject:

Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerant.

Reference:

- (a) Headquarters! letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).
- (b) Report of JOHNSON, Nestor L. CRM Panama City(unit) (c) Date 13 June, 1942. /Pt. St. Joe, Florida. (d) On armed Merchant Vessel MACABI Pan. S.S.

Inclosure:

- (A) Reference (b).
- Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.
- It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (considers) purposes.
- No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

Chief of Staff.

601-64 CONFIDENT PECLASSIFIED NARA PROJECTATION 63684 United States Coast Guard, Port St. Joe Fla. Panama City, Fla. (Place) (Unit) 13 June, 1942. (Date) Lohnson, Nestor L. (105-446)C.B.M. From: Commander, New Orleans District. To: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents. Subject: 1. The Panamanian S/S "MACABI" (insert name and nationality of belligerent) was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board: GUNS: One 4 inch 50 calibre, Mounted aft on a Platform. Has ammunition ready box on the platform for 50 rds. AMMUNITION: 88 rds 4 inch 50 cal. SMAIL ARMS: Two Pistols 45 cal. AMMUNITION: 150 rds 45 cal. MAGAZINE: Located aft below decks. FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Sprinkler system. Telephone from gun deck to Bridge.

GUNS CREWS: Seven men from U.S.Navy. One Coxswain, one Sea 1/c and five Sea 2/c

REMARKS: The location of the magazine is very inconvenient it takes about ten men to handle the ammunition to bring same up on the Gun Deck.

(FORM N-12).

Wester L. Johnson.

(Signature) C.B.M.

(Rank or rating).