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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, APR 19 PM 1 54

OFFICE OF DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 16 April, 1942.

Prom:
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 BENHAM, Orvan S. R.M.lc. (Mobile, Base)

(c) Date 13 April, 1942 (d) On armed Merchant Vessel MACARI, (Panamanian)

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (offensive) purposes.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

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United States Coast Guard,

MOBILE BASE (UNIT)		Mobile, Alabama. (PLACE)	
		13 April 1942	
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Subject:	Armed Merchant vessels of Del	riger on ob	
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was inspect	ted this date and the following	armament was found on	
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nlatform.	<u> </u>		
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AMMUNITION:	96 rounds fixed ammunition, 2	readt ammunition racks.	
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SMALL ARMS:	4-h5 caliber.		
AMMUNITION:	50 rounds apiece for four sm	all guns, all rounds loaded in gu	n cl:
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steering	engine room. Flooding system 1	ocated above ammunition magazine.	
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		Telephone from bridge to gun de	eck.
Alarm in b	ridge & bow.		
	Naval		
GUNS CREWS:	1/gun crew of 7 men		
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REMARKS: 1	Vessel has 4 regulation gas mas	ks- 30 plain, has no degaussing	
system, ha	as 4 steel helmets, has cloth of	ase for each gas mask. This is	
the entire	vequipment attached to the gun	crew.	
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FORM N-12).		Orvan S. Benham (SIGNATURE).	
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