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United States Coast Guard

SABINE STATION

FIRST ARMED, 7833

(UNIT)

6, February, 1942

(CLASS.)

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

9 February 1942

OFFICE OF THE  
SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER,  
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

From: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.  
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerent.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).  
(b) Report of CO, Sabine Station, 6 Feb. 1942 on Armed Merchant Vessel MARATHON - Norw. SS tkr.

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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(FORM B-12)

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1. RETURN TO: [illegible]

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SABINE STATION

(UNIT)

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

(PLACE)

6, February, 1942

(DATE).

From: Commanding Officer Sabine Station  
 To: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.  
 Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

- The MARATHON - Norwegian  
 (insert name and nationality of belligerent)

was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board.

GUNS: 1,3 Inch, Mk. III Number 434 L. -Telescopic sights.  
Elevation 25°, to 10°. Arc of train 90° to 270°.  
Location is on poop deck on raised platform.

AMMUNITION: 52 rounds for 3" gun. Ready ammunition racks are provided,  
however, are not servicable due to faulty construction.

SMALL ARMS: None

AMMUNITION: None

MAGAZINE: Located on poop deck of steel construction. This magazine is  
not equiped for flooding.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Telephone from bridge to gun.

GUNS CREWS: Made up of ship's crew. One man who is in charge of gun is  
former Navy man.

REMARKS: No other equipment.

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1. FORWARDED, APPROVED:

*J. M. Barrett*  
 J. M. BARRETT, Lieut. (jg)  
 Commanding Officer.

*Walter R. Benson*  
 Walter R. Benson  
 (SIGNATURE).  
 B.M.lc. (R)  
 (RANK OR RATING).