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COAST GUARD 3
 TREASURY DEPARTMENT
 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Office of
 Coast Guard Representative
 Philadelphia, Pa.

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From: Coast Guard Representative, Phila., Pa.
 To: Collector of Customs, Phila., Pa.

15 April, 1940.

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels;

1. The Mont Everest, British was inspected this date and the armament and equipment was found to be as listed.

GUNS: Two 90MM guns. Markings, none. Elevation 30°. Arc of train 220°. Sights open. Ready racks for 8 projectiles. Ready boxes for 0 charges of powder.

AMMUNITION: 80 rds. of powder, for 90 mm guns. 80 H.E. projectiles. 90 percussion caps for 90mm guns.

SMALL ARMS: Machine gun one 8mm. Mount 8mm aft. rifles 3 8mm. ^{30 cal.} pistols 2. bayonets one.

AMMUNITION: 2300 rds. of 30 cal.

MAGAZINE: location wood boxes on deck aft.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: No telephone. Means of flooding--hose on deck. Signaling devices, International Code Flags.

GUN CREWS: Total in gun crews 5. Gun layer none. Officers in Naval Reserve none. Regular navy enlisted men none. Seamen gunners 5.

REMARKS: Smoke floats 8. Igniters 0. Steel helmets 0. Paravanes 0. Gas Masks; Service Type 0. Civilian type 0. Civilian duty type 0. Depth charges 0. depth charge racks 0. Pill boxes 0. Location 0. Is Hull degaused? No. Is vessel under Naval or Governmental Orders No. Gun emplacements or strengthening aft only for present guns. Cargo general.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament listed above is carried for defensive purposes only, provided that this vessel is employed in ~~normal~~ trade.

Respectfully,

L. E. Bells
 L. E. BELLS, Commander, U.S.C.G.

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