

64-CONFIDENTIAL

9 January, 1940.

From: Captain of the Port.
 To: Collector of Customs, New York.
 Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter dated 8 January, 1940 (written).

1. The French S/S ROSE VIBO was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

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GUNS: 2 - 90 N.M. guns, prism sights. 80° elevation, arc of train 360°. Mounted aft. No. 1592 port side. No. 1593 Main deck, starboard side.

AMMUNITION: 136 - rounds N.M. shells; 158 - rounds detonators; and 136 rounds cordite charges.

SMALL ARMS: 3 - Browning revolvers 3.38 N.M. and 2 rifles 6.5 N.M.

AMMUNITION: 410 rounds 6.5 N.M. and 90 rounds 3.38 N.M.

MAGAZINE: Main deck aft. Steel boxes secured to deck forward of after deck beams. No provision for flooding.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: No communication equipment for fire control.

GUN CREWS: 1 Officer acts as gun captain, 5 trained men in gun crews. Rest of gun crews taken from regular ship's force.

REMARKS: 16 smoke floats.

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

Inclosed herewith are two (2) photographs showing the guns of this vessel.

FOR THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT:

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