of the State of California, not yet reported but decided by the Supreme Court on December 14, 1959, we find the following pertinent language:

'The usual rationale for such statutes is that the public interest in the purity of its food is so great as to warrant the imposition of the highest standard of care on distributors—in fact an absolute standard which will not hear the distributor's plea as to the amount of care he has used. Cf. United States v. Balint, 258 U.S. 250, 252–253, 254. His ignorance of the character of the food is irrelevant. There is no specific constitutional inhibition against making the distributors of food the strictest censors of their merchandise . . .'."

An order in conformity with this memorandum is this day entered.

26218. Rice. (F.D.C. No. 43966. S. No. 69–732 P.)

QUANTITY: 7 100-lb. bags at Camden, N.J.

SHIPPED: 10–22–59, from Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

LIBELED: 12–15–59, Dist. N.J.

CHARGE: 402(a)(3)—contained rodent urine while held for sale.

DISPOSITION: 1–20–60. Default—delivered to a public institution for use as animal feed.

26219. Rice. (F.D.C. No. 44136. S. No. 60–039 P.)

QUANTITY: 49 bales, 20 3-lb. bags each, at Raleigh, N.C.

SHIPPED: 6–29–59, from Stuttgart, Ark.

LIBELED: 12–28–59, E. Dist. N.C.

CHARGE: 402(a)(3)—contained live insects while held for sale.

DISPOSITION: 2–11–60. Default—destruction.

26220. Wheat. (F.D.C. No. 43447. S. No. 76–612 P.)

QUANTITY: 124,800 lbs. at Spokane, Wash.

SHIPPED: 9–2–59, from Dutton, Mont., by Dutton Farmers Elevator Co.

LIBELED: 9–18–59, E. Dist. Wash.

CHARGE: 402(a)(3)—contained rodent excreta pellets when shipped.

DISPOSITION: 10–7–59. Consent—claimed by Atwood Larson Co., Inc., Spokane, Wash. Segregated; 20,680 lbs. converted into animal feed.

26221. Wheat. (F.D.C. No. 43789. S. No. 52–710 P.)

QUANTITY: 45,600 lbs. at Minneapolis, Minn.

SHIPPED: 10–20–59, from Wessington Springs, S. Dak., by Jensen Grain Co.

LIBELED: 11–3–59, Dist. Minn.

CHARGE: 402(a)(3)—contained rodent excreta pellets when shipped.

DISPOSITION: 11–5–59. Consent—claimed by Jensen Grain Co. and converted into animal feed.

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26222. Cocoa beans. (F.D.C. No. 43597. S. Nos. 73–495/6 P.)

QUANTITY: 130 140-lb. bags at Brooklyn, N.Y.

SHIPPED: 12–19–55 and 1–8–59, from outside the United States.