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Copy of ~~Extract from~~ letter received from _____NAME The Surveyors,ADDRESS NEW YORK.

Reference, if any: _____

Dated 8.12.50 Received 11.12.50 Answered _____

Vessel's Name: "LAGO AZUL"

On 3rd February 1948 you advised us that this vessel was registered under the Panamanian flag and classed with the Registro Italiano. At the same time you forwarded copies of report C 11 and computation on the case in order that instructions might be sent to the Genoa Surveyor for the issue of the Panamanian Loadline Certificate, the R.I. not being authorized to issue such certificates on behalf of Panama.

On February 6, we addressed an airmail letter to the Genoa Surveyor regarding the matter, to which no reply was received.

The vessel was next heard of at Philadelphia recently where the Surveyors were requested to issue Panamanian Freeboard and Radiotelegraphy Certificates. At that time the Owners' Representative stated that the vessel previously had a Lloyd's Freeboard Certificate which expired in February last, and since then two provisional certificates were issued by the American Bureau, both of which have now expired.

The vessel completed the Registro Italiano's Special Survey No.3 at Genoa in January of this year and was seen in drydock by the American Bureau Surveyors at New Orleans in October last. Consequently the Philadelphia Surveyors felt justified in issuing a Provisional Panamanian Load Line Certificate after conducting a general examination of the holds, bridge tween decks, weather decks, hatchway coamings and covers, ventilators and casings. They further recommended that as the condition of these items was good, a Panamanian Load Line Certificate be issued valid until the 30th November, 1951 pending examination of the vessel in drydock. In this connection, the Owners state that they intend drydocking the vessel next October.

Copies of the Philadelphia Surveyor's reports C11, C12(a) and Provisional Loadline Certificate are enclosed, herewith, together with a photostatic copy of the American Bureau Surveyor's report No.19689 issued in New Orleans on October 12, 1950.



The question of reclassing the vessel with this Society discussed with one of the Owners, Mr. Scerni, now visiting New York stated that such a course would be acceptable to him provided it not involve undue delay to the vessel and that some consideration given to the aforementioned surveys. In view of the fact that the vessel was formerly classed with this Society and was so recently Special Survey by the Registro Italiano (with which Society we have a working agreement), it is thought the Committee might be agreed to assigning a notation "reclassification contemplated" as a result of the survey now held at Philadelphia, with a view to assigning a "reclassified" record, i.e., after the vessel has been seen in drydock in October. Perhaps you would be so good as to advise me of the minimum requirements in the special circumstances of the case, that the matter may be further discussed with the Owners' Representative.

It is proposed to issue Panamanian Loadline Certificates until the 30th November 1951 as recommended by the Philadelphia Surveyor.