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Messrs. Ellerman & Bucknall (Pty) Ltd.,  
Hotchkiss House,  
Gardiner Street,  
DURBAN.

Attention : Capt. R.W. Crome.

Dear Sirs,

Referring to your request, made through your Superintendent, Captain R.W. Crome, that I should explain the condition in which I found the main circulating pump on the S.S. "CITY OF PARIS", 10877 tons gross of Glasgow, when I attended onboard on the night of the 21st December, 1955, I herewith beg to report as follows :-

I attended onboard at 8.00 p.m. on the 21st December, 1955, at the request of Captain Crome, to examine the main circulating pump.

It was reported that the vessel had left Durban that day, 21st December, but that a defect had developed in the main circulating pump.

The Chief Engineer stated that, upon examination he had found that the key securing the impeller to the impeller shaft, had worked loose and was missing. He further stated that he had made a new key and fitted same, but it was decided to return to Durban for a survey to be made of the pump.

I examined the pump with the top half of the impeller casing lifted, and after discussion with the Chief Engineer, it was decided, in order to prevent the aforementioned key again working loose, that some securing arrangements should be fitted. This was accordingly done and the vessel proceeded.

This arrangement was fitted purely as a precautionary measure, and in my opinion, it would have been quite possible for the vessel to proceed with the circulating pump, as repaired by the Chief Engineer, but, as the vessel had returned to port, it was agreed by all parties concerned that, this precautionary measure should be adopted.

Yours faithfully,  
*[Signature]*

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