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Mr. Barber, Lloyd's Agent at Casablanca, is in London and telephoned regarding the complaint received from the Owners as to the amount of the fees charged for classification at his port.

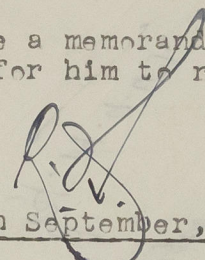
Mr. Barber stated that, in his opinion, the complaint had been made without justification and merely in the hope that some reduction might be obtained.

The Owners' Casablanca Office were perfectly well aware of the fact that the Committee would insist upon a visit of the Exclusive Surveyor from Lisbon and the charges made under this heading were certainly not excessive having regard to the time Mr. Guthrie was away from his port.

The complaint comes from the Tangier Office and Mr. Barber feels sure that it would not be supported by the Owners' Casablanca Office who conducted all the negotiations.

Mr. Bachellerie's fees were modest in relation to the time spent on the job, which included the preparation of plans as the Owners had insufficient technical knowledge to undertake this work.

I promised Mr. Barber I would make a memorandum of our conversation and that there was no need for him to reply officially.


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Submitted that the Brown be now informed of the facts given
by Mr Barber in paragraphs 3 + 5 of this memo and also
that, after careful consideration the fees charged are
enormous but are reasonable

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