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High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

21st January 1944

P. Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 17th instant respecting the steamer "VIKING" the contents of which have been noted, and in reply I am directed to acquaint you that although the scantlings of this vessel are suitable for an all seasons moulded draught of 13' 10", the present geometric properties of the ship do not permit of the assignment of a freeboard corresponding to a draught greater than 13' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " summer moulded. If however, the openings in the present shelter deck are permanently plated over a freeboard corresponding to an all seasons moulded draught of 13' 10" could be assigned.

Assignment letters for both conditions are enclosed and if it is decided to proceed with the proposal it is concluded you will request the Owners to apply for a revision of freeboard and that they will state under which condition they desire revised freeboards.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

The Principal Technical Officer,
Sea Transport Department, pro Clerk to the
Ministry of War Transport, Classification Committee.

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