16th December, 1958.

GOTHENBURG

24537, 538, 539, 543, 547, 548, 557, 559, 571, 572 - As recommended.

24535 "OLAV BAKKE" - As recommended, except that class has been continued subject to sternframe (E.W. 8,56) and rudder post web E.W. and reinforced 11,58) being specially examined at the next drydocking.
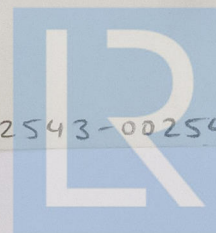
24536 "ELLA" - As recommended. I think it well to place on record the fact that the Main Boiler Survey which became due at the end of April last will require to be carried out before the ship is placed in commission, and I shall be glad if you will keep me informed of further developments.

24460 "BENARES" - As recommended. Having regard to the moddification now carried out the notation attached to the class has been amended to "Carrying vegetable oil and Molasses in MTs."
    I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, the contents of which have been noted. The position is that when the report of survey at Manila in July last was examined in this Office, it was considered that the repair to the damaged gear wheel could not be accepted as permanent and the Surveyor was informed that the class had been continued subject to the gear wheel of the main engine reversing gear being renewed at the earliest opportunity and in any case, before the end of October, 1958.
    It is regretted that this was not conveyed to the Owners, but it is considered that the situation would be met if they would afford the Society's Surveyors the opportunity to make an early examination of the gear wheel, which, if satisfactory, could be followed by a second examination six months' later.
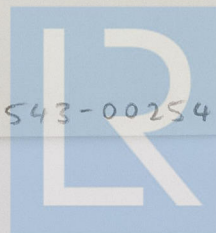
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If by that time, the wheel shows no defect, the subject could be removed and a note made in the SRL.

I shall be glad if you will inform the Owners and make the necessary arrangements for an early examination of the gear wheel.