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27th November, 1959.

(S) Dear Sirs,

Steamer "FULHAM II"

With reference to your report No. 115315, I have to acquaint you that according to the Shipping Papers a preliminary enquiry has been conducted by the Ministry of Transport into an explosion from the Donkey Boiler of this ship on the 23rd May, 1958, whilst she was lying alongside the quay at Clelands (Successors) Ltd.

From the comments of the Ministry's Engineer Surveyor in Chief it appears that the explosion was caused by the excessive clearance between the spigot of the hand-hole door and the aperture into which the door fitted. The boiler had just been surveyed and at the time of the explosion a Surveyor and a fitter were on the boiler top adjusting the safety valves. The Surveyor apparently overbalanced and slipped down between the boiler and the ship's side to the stokehold floor level and succeeded in escaping round the boiler on the side remote from the leak. The fitter was unable to descend from the boiler top by means of the access ladder and eventually fell to the stokehold floor clear of the boiler. He suffered shock and scalding.

Your report shows that the boiler was examined internally on the 8th May, 1958, the last date of survey being 29th May, 1958, and you stated in regard to the donkey boiler, "hand-hole doors renewed; wasted aft seating plate fitted with doubling plate".



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No mention is made by you of the above boiler explosion and I shall be glad to receive your comments.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,  
NEWCASTLE/ON/TYNE.



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