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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

19th November, 1948.

Dear Mr. Balfour,

With reference to your memo of the 15th instant regarding the tug "SPARKLER" we find ourselves in a bit of a quandary as although it was agreed in my letter of the 17th October 1947 that we were not to follow up Ghost Book cases as regards surveys due, our Posting Department in August last in an effort to incorporate the Ghost Book cases into the body of the Register Book, transferred the entry of the "SPARKLER" into the Register Book Supplement No.95271 making public her classification particulars.

They did this on a general ruling that in all cases in which Admiralty vessels, appearing in the Ghost Book, had been submitted to survey by the Society's Surveyors since they were built they should be transferred to the main body of the Register Book.

It seems to me, therefore, the best course for you to pursue would be to ask Mr. Cooper whether it is the Admiralty's wish that she should retain the classification of this Society, in which case of course she is now due for a Special Survey of hull and machinery.

If they do not want to do it, I will arrange for class particulars to be omitted from next year's reprint of the Register Book.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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