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Dear Mr. Balfour,

17th October, 1947.

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday enclosing replacement copy of Belfast Report No.14409 on the steamer "THORN".

At Mr. Sladden's request I am taking the opportunity to refer to your letter of the 7th instant and to previous correspondence regarding the Admiralty Tug "SPARKLER". The vessel does not appear in the Register Book (she is listed in our "Ghost" R.B., i.e. the book containing details of vessels built for Admiralty Service during the War) and in such cases as this we are not follow up the question of surveys due.

In fact, our enquiry of 15th September should not have been made and it is not proposed to pursue the matter further unless the Naval Authorities, or Mr. Cooper, the Manager, should decide to submit the vessel to survey.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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