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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3
18th January, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Steamer "VALERUNA"

I duly received your cablegram of the 10th instant, from which it was noted that the Hall Corporation were arranging to purchase this ship and that they desired an inspection by an exclusive Surveyor when the vessel dry docks at Casablanca on the 24th instant.

In order to make the position quite clear to the Hall Corporation, I cabled to you on the 12th instant stating that the Committee would doubtless not authorise a Condition Survey with a view to purchase, and also pointed out that the Classification Surveys are up-to-date, seeing that the ship was satisfactorily examined in dry dock at Spezia last September, when also a Special Survey on hull and machinery was held.

It is desired, however, to be of assistance to the Hall Corporation so far as our normal practice permits, and it was suggested that if the present Owners concurred, there would be no objection to the Lisbon Surveyor proceeding to Casablanca, if his duties permitted, in order to hold a normal dry docking survey for classification purposes.

In view of your reply of the 14th instant, I have cabled to the Society's Genoa Office who in reply state that the Owners have no objection to a normal Classification Survey by an exclusive Surveyor to this Society. I have therefore today cabled to the Lisbon Surveyors requesting them to make the necessary arrangements, and I am informing Lloyd's Agents at Casablanca of the proposed visit.

I am also requesting Lloyd's Agents at Casablanca to advise the Lisbon Surveyors should there be likely to be any delay in the docking date, and should any information on this point come to your knowledge, it would probably be as well for

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you to cable to me immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Clerk to
the Classification Committee.

P.S. - It is of course to be understood that the
Hall Corporation will be responsible for
the charges incurred.

The Principal Surveyor,
MONTREAL.



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