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Sir,

Confirming previous information which I gave you regarding the sinking of "ANNAMINA", I report supplementary and hereunder the following for your full information:-

As we were sailing and the attached bilge pump of the main engine, as it is naturally was working, the engine room watch noted a quantity of water throwing up in the space by the flywheel of the main engine.

That meant that the water level under the engine and the engine room floor plates has been risen until the flywheel. As the vessel in that district is narrow and as the flywheel is placed low, a quantity of water less than 1 ton is enough to make the level to rise up to the height of the flywheel.

The engine room crew lifted immediately the floor plates of the engine room where they saw the water level was rising quickly without being possible to find out where from the water was coming in. They tried to see the flow of water under pressure or to hear the inflow of water, but they could not find anything. The only thing they could see it was that the water continued to rise quickly, from ~~the~~ under the engine, although the independent bilge pump was full working and as it was ascertained by the Chief Engineer, it was discharging under full capacity.

After a while the main engine was stopped, the water level rose up to the height of the generators, flooded them, the batteries for lighting were put on and the engine room was abandoned.

Yours faithfully,

Sotirios Georgakos
Master M/S "ANNAMINA"

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