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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3

Enclosure.

BY AIRMAIL

20th February, 1953.

Dear Sir,

We duly received your letters of the 7th and 12th January also the 2nd February last respecting the steamers "CARDENA", "CATALA" and the motorvessel "ISLAND KING" respectively.

These cases have now received the consideration of the Committee, who have given instructions for the classification in each instance to be withdrawn and three dots inserted in lieu thereof. Please inform the Owners accordingly.

On the general issue which is raised by the enclosures to your letter of the 7th January, we should like to see whether we can do more to assist Canadian Shipowners to maintain our class. It is clear from the letters which Mr. Renfie has exchanged with the Union Steamship Company that the crux of the matter is financial. Is there anything further we can do in an attempt to reach a more favourable agreement with the Canadian Steamship Inspectors by which they might accept our surveys more extensively in place of their own. To be effective, in influencing Owners to maintain class, it would be necessary to secure the Canadian authority's agreement that if our certificate were accepted, no more than the usual classification fee would be required from the Owner.

No doubt you have already given thought to this matter, particularly in view of the personal letter sent to you by the Chairman on the 12th December, an extract of which is attached for your ready reference.

If there is anything we can usefully do here which might assist your own efforts, please let us know.

We should like to know just what the Canadian Board of Steamship Inspection require for ships registered in Canada, and whether, under present arrangements, they give any recognition at all to our surveys. If so, please give us the details.

Yours faithfully,

A.R. Riddell. Esq..

Pro Chief Executive.