

Enclosure

Reference - TD/RM/FEB

7th November, 1966.

Dear Sirs,

I acknowledge your letter of the 5th instant concerning the vessels of your fleet which are laid up at certain ports.

The Committee yesterday gave very careful consideration to the question raised by you, and wish me to assure you they are anxious to help in every way possible. They naturally appreciate the desirability of bringing every available tanker into some form of service, owing to the present international position, but feel you will agree with them that the time has not yet come when they should relax their normal peace-time standards for maintenance of classification.

To bring these ships back into service under a Certificate issued by this Society, therefore, they think that the hull of each vessel should be opened up and examined as for a full Special Survey (C); but that the Surveyor should be instructed to base his recommendations for repairs on the service in which the ship is to be employed and the period you have in mind. As regards the machinery, I enclose a statement of the items which should receive attention.

Provided this be done and a satisfactory report received, the qualification of class at present appearing in the Register Book in most of the cases will be cancelled and a notation of "Mod. S.S. (6 months) (with date)" will be entered in the Supplement to the Register Book.

In the cases of the "LATIA", "LINDA", "LINGA", "LUCIA" and "ROSAURA", Loadline Certificates issued by this Society have expired, and if fresh Loadline Certificates are desired, renewal Loadline Surveys will require to be held concurrently with the Modified Special Surveys.

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Should you decide to proceed with this project,  
I will arrange for the necessary instructions to be  
sent to the Surveyors concerned, on hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Clerk to  
the Classification Committee.

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