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Room 310.

Your Ref: JN/WG.

16th June, 1941.

Messrs. Shaw Savill & Albion Co., Ltd.,  
Royal Albert Dock Office,  
80, Leadenhall Street,  
LONDON, E.C.3.

For the attention of J. Nicol, Esq.

Dear Sirs,

Harland & Wolff Ltd Nos. 1050 and 1051.

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant:-

(Item 2). Fire Extinguishing. We would advise you that when the Specification for these vessels were approved, it was prior to the issue of Statutory Rules and Order 2170/40, and, therefore we asked for compliance with the requirements of Notice M.140. This notice recommends arrangements such that Steam or smothering gas may be conveyed to each closed in cargo compartment - the intention being that one or other arrangement may be fitted. The Builders and yourselves appear to have interpreted the Notice as requiring both steam and smothering gas. Statutory Rules and Order 2170/40. clarify the position, and makes it a Statutory requirement to provide apparatus for smothering gas, or, alternatively, where steam supply is available, a steam smothering system. Under present circumstances therefore, it would not appear necessary that both systems should be fitted.

(Item 3.) Fitting of Voice Pipes in Tunnels. As we understand Mr. Nicol expects to be in Glasgow this week, perhaps he will be good enough to bring with him particulars of the 12 oil fuel Tanks and their connections before we finally decide this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) W.T.B.

A.D.M.B. (H.)



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