

Mr. Iver Bugge, the Owner of the Transversely Framed Tanker "SKOTAAS", telephoned from Amsterdam this morning to say that the suspension of class of this vessel was creating great difficulties for him, as although he agreed he had anticipated she would be retained in the Singapore/Sumatra/Borneo district until she was brought home for stiffening in September, he had concluded that as the Committee had previously agreed to a voyage to Japan, they would not raise any objection to one voyage to Australia.

I pointed out to him that according to the correspondence, he was informed in March that the Committee were unwilling to agree to extend the limits imposed, namely Sumatra/Borneo/Singapore. He asked, however, whether the Committee would be prepared to remove the class suspension for the ballast voyage to Singapore, in which case, he would endeavour to arrange with the Charterers, the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co., to fix the vessel from Borneo back to the Continent for stiffening. I promised that this proposal would be submitted to the Committee today, and I would telegraph their decision to the Amsterdam Office this afternoon.


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