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17 Battery Place,

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Secretary

LONDON

Dear Sir:

"GUAM PIONEER"

This vessel was aground off Guatamala after she had loaded a cargo of scrap iron for Japan. Apparently an endeavor was made to have her examined at Santiago, but facilities were not available and therefore she proceeded to San Francisco where Mr. Marlborough saw her on drydock.

Mr. Marlborough found the vessel in generally satisfactory condition with the exception of one rivet in the bottom which was replaced by a stub welded on the outside as access to the tank was not possible.

A few days after the vessel left San Francisco it is reported that she encountered heavy weather during which the cargo shifted and the vessel foundered with no loss of life.

I talked with Mr. Marlborough on the telephone about the case and he has assured me that at the time of his examination he saw no reason to doubt the vessel's efficiency, and an interim certificate was accordingly issued.

I have advised Mr. Marlborough that in the event of lawyers, insurers or any other interested parties approaching him, he should advise that he is not in a position to discuss the case before he presents it in the first instance to New York.

The case was presented to the American Committee today who concurred with the action taken by the San Francisco Surveyor and who signed a record of:

"Deferred for comp. SS but
assign DS 12-59 subject (H&M)"

The Committee Reports will be forwarded to you with the classings

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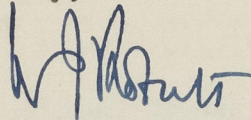
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from today's date, but in the meantime I am forwarding an advance photostatic copy for your information, lest the underwriters or other interested parties in London approach you in the matter.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Representative and
Principal Surveyor



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