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The Secretary

LONDON

Dear Sir:

"TEXAS RANGER"
(Ex "TEXAS SUN")

Acknowledgement is made of receipt of the following cable:-
"TEXAS SUN REPLY AWAITED MY LETTER FOURTH MARCH, COMMITTEE". In connection therewith please be advised that the drilling of this vessel has been the subject of discussion with the new Owners and their representatives for some considerable time.

As you are aware this is a dual classed vessel and it should be pointed out that two bands of drilling in the cargo tanks have already been carried out in accordance with the American Bureau requirements. These have been accepted by them and also by the United States Coast Guard and the vessel is in possession of a full term American Load Line Certificate valid for a period of 5 years.

As I pointed out during my last visit to London it is unreasonable to expect an Owner to gauge a vessel's plating in both the locations required by our Surveyors and the American Bureau. This is particularly true of course if the plating is actually drilled.

The new Owners were advised by the vendors that the Special Survey had been completely held and that a Special Survey notation of 4,58 had been assigned. This is true with regard to the American Bureau side of the classification.

It is apparent from our numerous discussions with the Owners that if we insist on further shell drillings being required, that Lloyd's classification will be discontinued. Examination of the drillings previously reported, these complying in all respects with the requirements of both the American Bureau and the United States Coast Guard, indicate our opinion that the vessel is in efficient condition and might in this instance be accepted for a notation of S.S. Phl. 4,58 (Dr).

Your faithfully,

Pp. *L. J. Roberts*
Principal Surveyor

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CLASSIFICATION

Intention of hull and deck
plating with Ph. Rpt. No. 10841,
Submitted for acceptance
as equivalent to Rule reqs. - tankers
12 years old.
Mr. P. Pemberton. *[Signature]*
[Signature] 8-4-59.



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