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High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

5th July, 1943.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 25th ultimo returning the first entry certificate of the motorship "SOCOTRA", and have to say that the general principle involved has been discussed with the Surveyors.

As you are aware the war-time regulations governing tonnage openings and measurement do not admit of a hard and fast practice being adopted, and as the "SOCOTRA" has the tonnage opening closed the depth taken was to the upper deck so as to bear proper relation to the moulded depth of 40'9".

As regards the "CANARA" she had the tonnage opening with a moulded depth of 31' hence the registered depth of 28'7" bore the proper relation thereto.

With regard to the "CHYEBASSA" she had her tonnage opening closed with a moulded depth of 40'9" so that the registered depth should in this instance have been taken to the upper deck and not to the second deck.

I return herewith the first entry certificate on the "SOCOTRA" which is correct according to the above ruling and would be prepared to arrange for the requisite alteration of the "CHYEBASSA" certificate should this be desired either by the Builders or Owners.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,