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BY AIR MAIL.

28th May, 1957.

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Dear Sir,

"BIRCHGROVE PARK"

I revert to your letters of the 20th and 26th November last reporting on the enquiry into the loss of the above ship.

The findings of the Court of Enquiry have been carefully studied, in conjunction with the suggestions made on the last page of your letter of the 20th November.

As regards your first suggestion, we have no evidence that owners or builders assume "tarpaulins" in the Rules to mean anything but full size tarpaulins covering the hatch in one piece. The "BIRCHGROVE PARK" had two such tarpaulins; an alteration to the Rule would not prevent ships carrying short tarpaulins which would be easier to handle.

We thank you for your other suggestion about air pipe closing appliances and this will be considered for probable submission to the Technical Committee at a future date.

Yours faithfully,

pro Secretary.

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