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24th January, 1947.

As recommended except that a record of 25 1/2" has been assigned.

BELFAST.

14303. PATELLA. This vessel has today been classed ~~100A1~~ "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk", together with the notations recommended by you, the LMC record being ~~LMC 12,46~~.

The remarks contained in your letter of the 20th ultimo are noted but I have to say that the proposed notation of "Bitumen Carrier" is not required by the Owners to be made in the Register Book in this instance.

It is concluded the spacing of the nine 7/8ths inch diameter rivets connecting the bottom longitudinals with the shell plating on each side of the transverses and bulkheads is 3 1/8th inches as approved and not 3 1/2" as reported, but I shall be glad if you will confirm this. I have to remind you that in accordance with Circular 1843, para (d), the particulars of the clause relating to torsional vibration characteristics for builders signature should be adhered to, and to request that you will explain the significance of the statement of gastight fittings reported on page 2 of your report 13.

I have to add that according to the revised formula, the MN is calculated at 714, and it is thought you may desire to amend the machinery fee charged.

14305. EMPIRE STAR. This vessel has today been classed ~~100A1~~ with Freeboard, together with the various notations recommended by you.

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Opportunity is taken to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 20th and 23rd ultimo.

14301. CARNDUFF. As recommended except that a record of BS 12,46 has been assigned.



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