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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

4th September, 1946.

Dear Sir,

"BLACKBEAR". ex Steel Yacht "XARIFA".

I duly received your cables of the 22nd and 29th August, regarding the conversion of the above ship into a Cargo and Passenger Vessel for service in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf ports. In reply I have to state that to permit of the vessel being classed in the Society's Ship Register Book, it will be necessary for you to carry out the requirements of Survey (C), Notice 1840, the plating being drilled where there is evidence of appreciable diminution of thickness; and provided you satisfy yourself that the lower deck beams are adequately supported so as to make them suitable for the carriage of cargo, and, if any cabin sole beams be removed, the framing in way be suitably reinforced, on receipt of a satisfactory report on completion of the survey, the ship could be recommended for classification in the Society's Ship Register Book of A- with a freeboard of 4'4" "For service in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico". You should explain to the Owners that the above freeboard is applicable only as a cargo vessel, and the Load Line as a passenger vessel will require to be assigned by the appropriate Government Authority.

If the Figure 1 is desired, particulars of the equipment on board or proposed to be supplied should be submitted, and you should state if the equipment proposed is considered by you to be suitable for the desired restricted service.

If an assignment of freeboard is desired, full particulars should be reported on forms Rpt.C11 and C11 (Comp.). A supply of these forms is being sent you under separate cover.

I have to confirm my cable to you to-day reading as follows:-

"Blackbear"

"Provided survey in accordance C Notice 1840 carried out
"decks carrying cargo supported your satisfaction if any
"cabin sole beams be removed framing in way suitably
"reinforced vessel could be recommended Class A with
"freeboard 4'4" for service Caribbean sea and Mexican Gulf
"Stop If figure 1 desired proposed equipment on board or
"to be supplied should be submitted".

Yours faithfully,

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