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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

15th January, 1942.

Dear Mr. Davies,

With reference to our official letters yesterday in the case of the tanker "EMPIRE SALVAGE", I think it only right to warn you that the Naval Intelligence Department of the Admiralty are most insistent that no information regarding this vessel or her previous history should be divulged, and for this reason it is not proposed to enter any particulars of her in the Register Book.

While therefore we naturally applaud your zeal in endeavouring to make classification with this Society as simple as possible, we do not wish for any pressure whatever to be brought to bear on the Managing Owners, and I suggest that we merely carry out their wishes without suggestive comment relating to classification.

There was a similar case in Glasgow a month or two back in which we used an Examined L.R. record as a basis for condition of freeboard, but in the case under review the ordinary Annual Load Line Survey should suffice for this purpose.

The only point at issue would appear to be the period of validity to go on the certificate, but this can doubtless be the subject of amicable arrangement.

Please therefore see that no reference to her previous history is made in any letter or official document so as to conform strictly to the Admiralty's wishes.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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