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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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Dear Sir,

M I duly received your letter of the 2nd instant respecting the damage sustained by the Steamer "SAINT BONIFACE", Chantiers Navals Francais' No. 21 (Caen Report No. 80), and I have since received your telegram from Cherbourg reading as follows:-

"Referring letter 3rd instant visited oil tanker "ST. BONIFACE today at Ziegels request STOP consider "Linklaters recommendations reasonable in view vessel "being new and not yet delivered to Owners otherwise "scored plates might have been dealt with at Owners' "convenience as affecting appearance and not strength "of vessel STOP scoring is in patches 18 x 12 inches say "maximum depth grooves 1 1/2 millimetre STOP unshipping "grooved plates inside strake for renewal would involve "considerable dismantling reriveting and recaulking "around pump room STOP only alternatives to renewing "grooved material are surface dressing by electric "welding or smoothing roughened surface as far as "possible, please wire reply Paris STOP British Tankers "representative has seen damage".

In reply thereto I have wired you today as follows:-

"SAINT BONIFACE to entitle vessel to classification "without any restricting clause Surveyors recommendations "should be carried out".

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Society's Surveyor at Caen.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

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PARIS.

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