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Admin

Dear Sir,

"W.D. ATLAS"

Thank you for your cable of 28th and your letter of 29th December concerning this case.

Will you please arrange for Mr. Hardcastle to make a statutory declaration or affidavit before a Notary Public or equivalent in the following terms:-

"With respect to the questions posed in Messrs. Dudley Westgarth & Co.'s letter dated 14th December, 1966 addressed to Lloyd's Register of Shipping at Sydney, my answers are:-

(a) Did he advise Captain Thexton or any other officer on the "W.D. ATLAS" that the speed of the ship was to be restricted to 6 knots?

(b) Did he advise the Owners agents at Lisbon, or any other person acting on their behalf, that the speed of the ship was to be restricted to 6 knots, and if so, was such advice given prior to the "W.D. ATLAS" departing from Lisbon?

(a) & (b) No advice was given to Captain Thexton or to the ship's agents that the speed of the ship was to be restricted to 6 knots. The action was not considered necessary in view of the answer to (c).

(c) Was he advised by the Owners or any other person on their behalf that the maximum speed of the ship was 6 knots only?

Mr. de Smitt, the Owners representative, stated that the speed of the vessel was 6 knots and this was accepted.

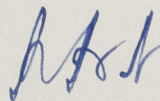
(d) Is there any further documentary evidence (other than the London Register's letter of the 25th June, 1965 to the Owners) to support a contention that the restriction of the speed to 6 knots was conveyed to the Owners agents or Captain Thexton or any other person in authority?

In my report to the Committee on the increase in the rudder area (Lisbon 11035 dated 13.4.65), I reported "Stated speed of vessel 6 knots". As a result the London Office approved the increase in rudder area and wrote the letter of the 25th June, 1965, to the Owners."

Kindly send the declaration direct to the Society's office at Sydney with a copy to this office.

as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary

The Principal Surveyor,
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