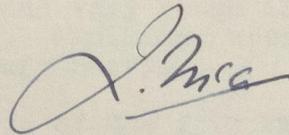


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Mr. Welch, Engineer Surveyor-in-Chief to the Ministry of Transport, has 'phoned regarding this case, since it appears that the Ministry are also interested in the repairs. He stated that he had been informed there was a proposal to repair the shell plating by means of welding, but was assured that we would not support this.

Mr. Valckeneers was accordingly contacted by telephone in Antwerp, and stated that this was a proposal which had come from the repairer, but that he had not committed himself since the full extent of the defects was not yet known, and if these proved to be extensive, the boiler might be completely condemned. He agreed that before commencing repairs a plan of the proposals would be submitted to this Office.



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