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December 16, 1940.

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Principal Surveyor,

NEW YORK.

Dear Sir:

M/T "Scandinavia"  
Gal. Rpt. No. 3981

With reference to the above report, and your letter of the 12th September last, together with a copy of a letter dated the 5th June, 1940, and draft First Entry Reports referred to therein.

I regret to advise you that this vessel was drydocked at the Todd Galveston Dry Docks, Inc., at the time I was laid up with an acute attack of Lumbago, and that the Docking Survey and Part Continuous Survey of the Oil Engines was accordingly carried out on my behalf by Acting Surveyor Mr. James Gleave. Mr. Gleave was extremely busy and unable to verify the scantlings and arrangements with a view to completing the First Entry Reports, and I also considered that this case would hardly receive the favourable consideration of the Committee in such circumstances. *x see Rpt*

Mr. Gleave, however reports that he made a careful examination of the underwater parts which were found in good condition and in accordance with the draft first entry reports, and that from a general examination of the vessel and a very rough check with the draft First Entry Reports, the hull, machinery and equipment, so far as seen were in good order. I have since spoken to the Local Port Engineer for the Texas Company, Mr. F. Bucklin, who attended the Docking Survey also the loading of the vessel at the Refinery Dock, who reports that they are very satisfied with the vessel as built.

At the present time the vessel is engaged in service between Port Arthur, Texas, and South American ports. To complete the reports on this case the vessel would require to be certified gas free to make the necessary examination of the tanks and check of the scantlings, and it would appear that this Survey will have to be deferred until the next drydocking period which is usually carried out at intervals of about six months. *Several cargo tank were not entered*

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In the circumstances I have deemed it advisable to retain the draft First Entry Reports at this office with a view to giving the case the necessary attention at the next docking without fail. I shall keep in touch with the Owners and in the event of the vessel's present service being changed with a possibility of drydocking elsewhere, the reports will be forwarded as required to New York or the port concerned.

I may add that a Sister Ship the M/T "Nueva Andalucia" has been Surveyed at this port recently, the scantlings and arrangements verified and found in accordance with the draft First Entry Reports which will be completed and forwarded together with Drydocking Reports 8 and 9, as soon as possible.

I deeply regret that circumstances prevented me from giving the requisite personal attention in the case of the M/T "Scandinavia".

Yours very truly

*Wm. Rennie*

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