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19th April, 1961.

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The Secretary,
LONDON.

Ans'd

Dear Sir:

"VERAO" Preliminary Inquiry into Loss.

I have to confirm exchange of cablegrams as
follows:-

Mine sent -

VERAO RB NO. 85047 REFERENCE RECENT CASUALTY
NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT SUMMONING SURVEYOR PETRIE
PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY ACCORDANCE NAVIGATION ACT
SECTION 377A STOP REFER SYDNEY REPORTS DOCKING
33703 FREEBOARD 6886 STOP UNDERSTAND QUERIES
RAISED REGARDING MEANS AIR PIPE CLOSING AND
STORM VALVES ACCOMMODATION DISCHARGES STOP
PLEASE CABLE INSTRUCTIONS

MATHIESON

Your reply received -

VERAO RE YOUR CAB PETRIE MAY MAKE STATEMENT AT
PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY IF CALLED BY AUTHORITIES
BUT MUST CONFINE HIMSELF TO FACTS PERSONALLY
KNOWN TO HIM FROM HIS ACTUAL SURVEY STOP
EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION MUST NOT BE MADE STOP
EMPLOY LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIS GUIDANCE STOP
LETTER FOLLOWS

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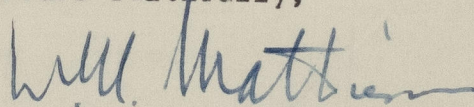
I wish to thank you for your letter of the 6th instant which was received on the 10th instant. It was necessary for Mr. Petrie to attend the preliminary enquiry on the 30th March however.

In accordance with the instructions contained in your cablegram Mr. Petrie consulted Mr. Bower of Ebsworth & Ebsworth, the Society's Solicitors, before attending the enquiry.

A copy of the questions and replies noted at the enquiry is herewith enclosed for your information.

At the conclusion of the enquiry Mr. Petrie asked Captain Taylor, the Deputy Director of Navigation, for details of the circumstances leading up to the loss of the vessel and Captain Taylor stated that the Starboard No. 3 Double Bottom Tank had flooded during heavy weather with the vessel under loaded conditions. The vessel had taken a heavy list to Starboard causing flooding of the Starboard crew accommodation via the wash basins and at this stage she was abandoned and subsequently foundered.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Surveyor for Australia.

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W. L. B.

Mr Macmillan

Noted.
No action
required

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