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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

71, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3
17th July, 1957.

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Dear Sir,

Steamer "PUNTA ARENAS"

I acknowledge your letter of the 12th instant and in reply would inform you that this case has received very careful consideration in this Office.

The circumstances are of course somewhat unusual and the Committee do not wish to withhold from the shipping community the expert advice of the only competent technical man at your port. Accordingly they consider that we should make some effort to assist the new Owners as well as the underwriting interests in this case, although they do not consider the ship should undertake the voyage to Europe with the great asset of a class of 100A1.

The contents of your report No. 3856 are noted and the Committee have instructed me to say that if you are approached by the Owners they do not consider any strong exception should be taken to your recommending sufficient temporary repairs to enable you with prudence to issue a Certificate that the ship is in a fit condition to undertake the contemplated voyage as an unclassed vessel. They conclude you will not object to undertaking this duty, but naturally leave your recommendations solely to your discretion, and will support you in any action you consider appropriate.

I have cabled you to this effect today, and as a Special Survey became due last April, it is considered that in addition to surveying the damage you should make a general inspection of the vessel of sufficient extent to enable you to satisfy yourself that in respects other than the damage she is fit for the voyage. Provided these suggestions receive attention to your entire satisfaction, it will be



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in order for you to issue the desired Certificate.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
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