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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

3rd May 1916.

Dear Sirs,

M I have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Aitken's letter of the 6th ultimo in confirmation of cablegrams respecting the S.S. "AKITA MARU" (Mitsu Bishi Dockyard & Engine Works No. 252 vessel), also Mr. Williamson's letter of the 8th ultimo confirming the further cablegram and enclosing duplicate of boiler test certificate No. 65.

In reply I have to inform you that it has now been ascertained that the original report forwarded by you came duly to hand on the 14th March and assignment letters were sent out, which by this time will be in your hands.

Unfortunately proper records were not *made*, and this caused the regrettable misunderstanding which arose when the first cablegram came to hand on the 5th April.

In all the circumstances I cabled you yesterday full particulars of the freeboards assigned as follows:-

"Twofiftytwo freeboards assigned five feet six inches
"statutory deck line oneand threequarter inches above
"iron deck side fresh six inches Indian five Winter
"five and half".

I may add that as the original boiler test certificate No. 65 was duly signed and returned to you, the duplicate

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copy kindly forwarded by Mr. Williamson has been retained
in this Office as cancelled.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,
NAGASAKI.



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