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17, Battery Place,

New York 4, N.Y.

AIRMAIL.

ADMIN.

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January 30, 1950.

Dear Sir:

In your Admin. letter(No.7) of the 22nd ultimo you stated that in a recent communication received at your office it was indicated that Germanischer Lloyd are now establishing an office abroad. In my reply of the 12th instant I mentioned that so far they had not reestablished themselves here and that their ex Surveyor, a. Mr. Schmidt, was still in the New York area.

I am to-day writing you concerning the cancellation of the proposed classification survey of the "EMPIRE ANNAN" in favor of G.L. classification, in which Society she was originally classed.

According to the story here, I understand that the Owners communicated with the head office of Germanischer Lloyd in Germany who, in turn, referred them to Mr. Schmidt, their ex Surveyor to undertake the survey. Our own Surveyor met Mr. Schmidt at the yard while the latter was going over the ship conducting an examination. It is understood that only the minimum repairs are to be effected here to enable the vessel to proceed to Germany for completion of the repairs and the classification survey.

As I have said in my previous letter, Mr. Schmidt is well advanced in years and Mr. Moore, our Surveyor, indicated that he apparently had found it hard going in conducting this examination. He may only be a stop-gap until Germanischer Lloyd can appoint a permanent representative.

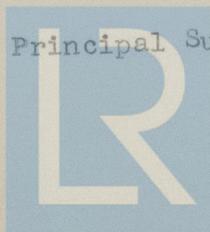
Yours faithfully,

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Principal Surveyor U.S.A.

The Secretary

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