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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

13th December, 1938.

Dear Mr. Cox,

We are rather uncertain as to the correct method of entering into the Register Book the steamers "TENRYO MARU" (Nagasaki First Entry Report No.2369), "MINRYO MARU" (Nagasaki First Entry Report No.2370) and "TIRYO MARU" (Nagasaki First Entry Report No.2379).

As you are no doubt aware these vessels were commenced for Russian ownership, but the only one actually launched in her Russian name was the "TIRYO MARU" as the "SERGIKIROFF" (reported in Nagasaki Rtn.1, dated 17th February, 1938.) The other two were launched previously without being named, but on the first entry reports they are given the "ex" names of "BOLSHEVIK" now named "TENRYO MARU" and "KOMSOOLETS" now named "MINRYO MARU".

They were, of course, never registered as Russian ships in their Russian names, but if a vessel is launched under one name and is completed under another, the case is met by putting in a little note "Launched as (name)".

We can do this of course in the case of the "SERGIKIROFF" now named "TIRYO MARU", but would like your advice as to whether you think it better to leave out all mention of "ex" names, or, if not, how best to record them.

With kind regards,  
Yours faithfully,  
Cox, Esq.

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