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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

27, The Bund,

Room 503,

SHANGHAI

29th April, 1947.

The Secretary,
LONDON.

Dear Sir,

S.S. "CHIU CHIN" ex "TA CHING"
S.S. "YUAN PEI" ex "TA SHUN"

I have to confirm the telegram sent to you today
as follows:

"CHIU CHIN EX TACHING YUAN PEI EX TASHUN OWNERS STATE
FREEBOARD AS ASSIGNED INSUFFICIENT AND NOW OVERLOADING
VESSELS"

I have had several discussions with the Owners
of these two vessels, Messrs. China Merchants S.N. Co.
which is a Chinese Government concern, regarding the freeboard
as assigned to these vessels by the Committee and they have
stated verbally that the freeboard was not sufficient for them
to operate on. I suggested that they look into the possibility
of strengthening the vessels so that a less freeboard could
be assigned, or if they did not wish to do this, to notify
this Office regarding their intentions.

This has not been done and I have now seen the
S.S. "CHIU CHIN" on the loading berth very much deeper
laden than the freeboard assigned.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) J.A. Stewart.



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