

4th March, 1946.

Dear Mr. Morritt,

It was very nice of you to write me semi-officially regarding the case of the "FULGOR" and I sincerely trust that my official reply today will dispel any annoyance you may have felt at the tone of my previous letter.

I am the first to agree that this was a poor effort, but would like to explain that the response to several enquiries from the M.O.W.T. in Italy had always been the same, viz: "that they were not recognised".

During the war, we have of course had to keep strictly within the Trading with the Enemy Act, and in order to safeguard ourselves all questions likely to be influenced by that Act were first of all referred to Government Departments. We took our instructions from them and it was indeed a surprise to us to learn that even so early as 1944, you had received instructions, not only from the B.C. but apparently from the Ministry of War Transport themselves that you could act for an Institution which we still had to regard as enemy.

I am delighted that the matter has been ventilated so thoroughly and that the bottles I threw have been unerringly returned in our direction.

Mr. Smith was in the Office last week and will no doubt ventilate the matter in Italy on his return.

Meantime please be assured that the appreciation of your services given in our official letter is sincere and that there is no one who stands in higher regard than you do in our minds here.

Mr. Bartlett joins with me in these few words, so please think no more about it.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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