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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,
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NEW YORK.

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Dear Mr. Clement,

"E. T. BEDFORD"	"CHESTER O. SWAIN"
"S. B. HUNT"	"CHRISTY PAYNE"
"WM. G. WARDEN"	"F. Q. BARSTOW"
"WALTER JENNINGS"	"GLENPOOL"

I wish to refer to your letter of the 9th May last regarding the sale of the above named eight vessels by the Standard Oil Company (N.J.) to the U.S. Maritime Commission, four of which namely, "CHESTER O. SWAIN", "CHRISTY PAYNE", "F. Q. BARSTOW" and "GLENPOOL" were to be retained in this Society's class.

Recently Mr. J. H. Patterson of the Standard Oil Company, who now act as Agents for the vessels, telephones me he had been advised that the U.S. Government had issued instructions that the class of these four vessels should also revert to the American Bureau. Mr. Patterson was good enough to state that his company was not a party to this decision, and wished me to know they would have been quite happy with the arrangement previously made. However, they could only bow to the decision of the Government.

About the same time I had a telephone call from Mr. F. T. Lemon, Executive Manager of the Division of Maintenance and Repair, War Shipping Administration, New York, who as you will remember had originally agreed to the division of these eight (8) vessels, namely four (4) to be retained by the American Bureau of Shipping and four (4) by Lloyd's Register. He explained, for our private information, that representations had been made by Mr. L. Luckenbach, of the American Bureau of Shipping to the Heads of the Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C., and that he had received a directive from the latter, stating that inasmuch as these 8 vessels were now the property of the U.S. Government the Classifications should be all American Bureau under the terms of the U.S. Merchant Marine Act of 1920.

I am accordingly sending you a copy of the Standard Oil Company's letter of the 2nd instant conveying the decision to withdraw the Society's class on the Steamers "F. Q. BARSTOW" and "GLENPOOL" as of August, 1944. You will note that we are requested to take no action until further advice is received in the cases of the "CHRISTY PAYNE" and "CHESTER O. SWAIN".

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) WM. BENNETT.

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