

COPY AIR LETTER

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

2nd January, 1948.

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 16th ultimo respecting the tanker "DESCUBRIDOR ex "GULFMAID", and have to confirm my cabled reply today to the effect that the Committee cannot agree to the vessel proceeding on the proposed voyage to the Mediterranean as a classed ship unless she is repaired in accordance with the recommendations made in Mobile Report No.2311 of part Special Survey held in February last.

It is noted that in September the Mobile Surveyor examined her afloat at the request of a prospective new Owner and made recommendations for a proposed voyage to the Mediterranean. In this connexion I would point out that, although this inspection was carried out with the consent of the present Owner, it was contrary to the Society's usual practice.

The Committee do not see why they should be called upon to give class cover for a voyage to the Mediterranean of an old tanker already adversely reported upon, and it is for this reason that they are now insisting upon full repair before such a trip is undertaken if she is to proceed as a classed ship.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee

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