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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Enclosures

7th December, 1953.

Dear Sir,

S. I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant having reference to the Committee's decision to expunge the class of the steamer "TOSCA" from the Register Book with a Red Line and have noted your remarks in this connexion.

I think that possibly you do not quite appreciate the position of the Committee in this matter, as, by their Rules, no other course than that adopted was open to them in dealing with the class of this vessel.

I take this opportunity to point out that the class of a vessel is only maintained so long as there is conformity with the Rules in regard to Special Periodical Surveys, and, as stated in my letter of the 5th instant, the year of grace, which is a concession given by the Committee to enable an owner to carry out a survey without undue inconvenience, expired in May last.

In this case the Committee had agreed to maintain the class of the vessel provided this survey was carried out before she was again placed in commission, and from your letter of the 2nd instant it appeared that the vessel as being transferred to the Registro Italiano, it was obvious

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s.s. "TOSCA"

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that the overdue survey required by the Society's Rules, upon which depended the continuance of class in the Society's Register Book, was not going to be carried out.

With this explanation I think you will agree that the Committee had no other course to follow than that which was taken, this being, as previously intimated, in accordance with their usual practice in similar circumstances.

In compliance with the request contained in the final paragraph of your letter of the 2nd instant I now have pleasure in enclosing herewith photographic copies of the plans of the midship section and profile of this vessel, together with an account for the cost of the same, and I shall be glad to receive your remittance in due course.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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