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Dear Sir,

With reference to the dispute between Messrs. "Arrasto" Companhia De Pesca do Centro de Portugal, and Messrs. N.V. Scheepswerf "Foxhol", the builders of the Trawlers "PARGO" and "GORAZ", the following letter has now been received from Mr. van der Weel of Rotterdam:-

"I now have the pleasure to inform you that the Civil Chamber of the Groningen Tribunal has given judgment in the case "PARGO"- "GORAZ".

The Court declared itself competent. The Arrasto's case was rejected and the Builders' case for dissolution of part of the contract was granted, - costs for Arrasto.

In case there will be an appeal I shall let you know."

After receiving his letter we wrote to Mr. van der Weel on the 2nd March, as per copy attached, but have not yet had his reply.

If you have any precise information as to the present position as regards ownership please let us know, also any information as to the intention of the Owners as regards the classification of the "PARGO".

Another point which we have in mind is whether this case has damaged the Society's interests in Portugal. Although the calumnies circulated to the detriment of the Society were subsequently retracted, this may not be generally known in Portugal and much harm may still remain.

Do you think that this might be offset by our taking a suitable opportunity to give Lloyd's Register some favourable publicity by means of a visit by a senior technical officer from this office when Portugese Shipowners, Shipbuilders, etc., would be contacted. If this were arranged, would it be an advantage to include the reading of a technical paper or a lecture? We shall be glad to have your comments.

Your recent letter, in which you refer to the activities of the American Bureau, might lend emphasis to the need for propaganda of this kind.

Yours faithfully,

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