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Reference, if any : .....

Dated 14.7.55 Received 19.7.55 X Answered .....Vessel's Name : "IMPERIAL ALBERTA" & "ATLANTIC EMPEROR"

We are in receipt of your letter of July 6th inquiring as to the type of steel used in the bottom plating of the above two tankers.

We may say that the former vessel was recently drydocked at Baltimore and the Surveyors were given to understand that she had been sold and renamed "ESSO BELGIUM" and that it was the intention of the new Owners to withdraw from the Society's Class. However, official confirmation of this has not yet come to hand and we shall have to revert to this matter in due course.

Meanwhile, inquiries, addressed to the Surveyors at Philadelphia and Newport News, respectively, have elicited the information that the steel for both vessels was in accordance with the American Bureau of Shipping's 1946 Rules, Section 39. As you are no doubt aware, the A.B. Rules at that time did not differentiate between ordinary ship steel and that required for a welded ship and it was only in the 1947 to 48 that the "A", "B" and "C" quality steels were introduced.

Therefore we are endeavouring to obtain the chemical properties of the steel actually used, and will forward these to you at an early date.



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