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PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

17 Battery Place,

New York 4, N. Y.

September 25, 1946

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ANSO.....

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

"KATENDRECHT"

The above named vessel, classed +100A1 "Carrying petroleum in bulk" was built in 1925 and was until recently under the Netherlands Flag.

In the summer of 1943 she was under survey at this Port when very extensive renewals and repairs were recommended. These repairs were so extensive that even at that time when tanker tonnage was in great demand it was not considered a practical proposition to restore the vessel to service. She was consequently laid up at this Port until recently, when she was purchased by the Olsen Marine Construction Company of Jacksonville, Fla. and towed to that Port for repairs.

We were advised by the Jacksonville Surveyor that the new Owners propose to carry out the necessary repairs and renewals, and in view of the reported condition of the vessel I requested Mr. Buchanan, Senior Ship Surveyor in Baltimore, to visit the ship. I enclose herewith copy of Mr. Buchanan's letter of the 23rd instant, from which it would appear that the Olsen Marine Construction Company lack the facilities to undertake a job of this nature. At best, the work would be carried out very slowly and the burden on the Surveyors would be considerably greater than in one of the established ship repairing yards.

In the peculiar circumstances of this case, and in view of Mr. Buchanan's remarks, I shall be glad if you will advise by cablegram or air mail whether the Surveyors should be authorized to proceed with the survey. If so, it is thought that we should obtain from the Olsen Marine Construction Company a signed form of undertaking that the vessel (which still appears in the Register Book as classed) will not be again moved until all outstanding surveys are completed. I would also suggest that the Owners be required to deposit in the Society's account an amount of, say, \$2000. or \$2500. to cover approximately 50% of the fees in this case.

I am, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Principal Surveyor
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The Secretary,
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