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Copy of ~~Extract from~~ letter received from

NAME Surveyors,

ADDRESS Bristol.

Reference, if any :.....

Dated 26.3.53 Received 27.3.53 Answered .....

Vessel's Name: BARGE "JOHN HARKER".

We enclose herewith copy of a letter received from Messrs. Jonason, Bray & Co., Ltd., respecting the above vessel.

We understand that the vessel is being purchased by Swedish Clients from Messrs. John Harker Ltd., the conditions of sale being that the vessel is taken over as she stands subject to drydocking, tail shaft being examined and outstanding damages dealt with. The responsibility for the reclassification will therefore be with the new Owners.

It is noted from the Register Book that this vessel was originally built to class in 1930 - 8 and withdrawn in 1935 at the request of the Owners. No survey was held from that time until the vessel came under Annual Survey at the end of 1947 in accordance with the Aire & Calder Regulations. The vessel has been trading on the Severn Canal since built.

The last Annual Survey was held at Sharpness, August-November 1952, Bristol Report 18986, when extensive drill testing was carried out, records of which have been retained in this office.

No mention of Load Line is made in the enclosed letter but it is presumed that this will be required. We understand that the vessel had a Load Line at some time which was issued by the Board of Trade.

We shall be pleased to have your remarks in connection with this vessel and if it is decided that the vessel can be reclassified, we shall be glad to have first entry reports and other relevant documents.

A copy of our reply to Messrs. Jonason Bray & Co., Ltd., pending your decision, is also enclosed.