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Dear Sir,

Barge "JOHN HARKER"

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant respecting an explosion in the engine room of the above vessel and referred to in the 73rd Annual Report of H.M. Inspector of Explosives, we have to inform you as follows :

The after bulkhead of the pump room has been renewed and has no openings into the engine room.

The telegraph cables now pass from the bridge to the engine room through a pipe running through the top of the pump room, and flanged at fore and after bulkheads.

The cargo pipe branch to the pump room and master valve have been removed, and the cargo pipe terminates, and is blanked off at the forward side of the bridge.

There is therefore no possibility of a recurrence of conditions at the time of the accident in question.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Piddell

The Secretary,
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Chief Engineer Surgeon
Referred to Mr. ~~Perris~~ Cook

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