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High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

14th January, 1942.

Dear Sirs,

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With reference to your letter of the 19th November last respecting certain Italian vessels which have been taken over by the Argentine Government, I have to acquaint you that surveys as detailed below are due in the cases of these vessels.

A Notation of "No Later Survey Reported" was posted in each case, in view of the vessels being Italian owned, and in the circumstances I shall be glad if you will ascertain and let me know what arrangements are proposed to be made for the overdue surveys in each case to receive attention.

S.S. "CASTELBIANCO" ("RIO CHUBUT")

2nd Second Special Survey No.1 due 3,41.

Boiler Survey due 4,41.

Screwshaft Survey due 1,42.

The bottom shell plating in way of the aftermost double bottom tank requires to be specially examined at the Special Survey.

S.S. "FORTUNSTELLA" ("RIO TERCERO")

A Second Special Survey No.3 (in lieu of the Special Survey No.1 due 11,38) has been partly held.

To complete the Survey the following remains to be done - (See P.S.

To complete the machinery survey the auxiliary steam pipes require to be tested.

Boiler Survey due 12,40.

Screwshaft Survey due 1,41.

S.S. "MARISTELLA" ("RIO ATUEL")

Boiler Survey due 3,41.

Screwshaft Survey due 1,42.



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S.S. "VITTORIO VENETO" ("RIO GUALEGUAY")

Boiler Survey due 12,40.

Some leaky rivets in the front lower circumferential seams of the starboard boiler require to be dealt with.

Screwshaft survey due 8,41.

S.S. "VOLUNTAS" ("RIO TURCO")

Boiler Survey due 2,41.

Screwshaft Survey due 8,41.

In the case of the "PRINCIPESSA MARIA" ("Rio De La Plata"), I shall be glad to learn whether refrigerated cargoes are being carried, and if so what arrangements are proposed to be made for a survey of the refrigerating machinery and installation to take place.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

pro Secretary.

The Surveyors,

BUENOS AIRES.

P.S.

"FORTUNSTELLA"

Items remaining to complete the Special Survey:-

The chain locker, all bunkers except the reserve bunker (No.3 hold), ash chute (if any), hatch covers to lowest deck, hand pumps, require to be examined, the chain cables re-examined, and No.5 double bottom tank (s.s.) in engine space tested. In addition, repairs are required to No.3 hatchway, deck plating under galley, bilge brackets and gussets in boiler room, rivets on casing top and some ventilators etc. also. Hatch covers require to be fitted to coaling hatches in both tween decks, in all cargo holds etc.

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