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30th January 1951

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Dear Mr. Sladden,

It is with some trepidation that I reply to your letter of the 18th January respecting the steamers "ALPHA" and "RHEINLAND".

I have replied officially regarding these vessels, the former has changed over to Germanischer Lloyd class and the latter has retained our class. Arrangements have been made for the Boiler Survey to be held within the next 10 to 14 days.

The Return 5b has been rather disgustingly long but I know that you realise that this is not brought about by carelessness or laziness on our part but rather by the extreme pressure of work. I have not at any time experienced such a considerable number of surveys. One Surveyor in this Office in the 72 hours of 3 days had only 8 hours sleep and 5 meals. Additional helpers are a handicap in the first stages because they have to be trained in the Society's working and the surveys, therefore, take twice as long.

I sincerely trust that from the next month onwards we shall be able to maintain that efficiency which the Committee expects.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

R.J. Sladden. Esq.,
London.

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