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Dear Mr. Siggers,

Reverting to your letter of the 13th ultimo regarding the Motorship "ERLING BORTHEN", we have now received confirmation from Oslo that the Owners' decision to transfer the class to Norske Veritas is quite definite. Mr. Eide adds there is no doubt that their action was due to pressure exerted on them by the Norske Veritas in Oslo.

Our present difficulty is that according to Gothenburg report No. 22620, the condition of the ship at the time of transfer would warrant expungement of class from the Register Book for reported defects. On the other hand, such a decision would doubtless be a source of much irritation to the Owners, and might well re-act against the Society in Norway.

As the Special Survey was only held last year the Owners would naturally expect the class to be withdrawn at their request, and I think it would help if you could give a letter to say that the extensive fire damage repairs recommended in your report referred to above, are or will be effected under the supervision of the Norske Veritas Surveyors.

We showed the case to Mr. Southwell before he left, and perhaps you would discuss the matter with him and let me have a letter on the lines suggested, if of course the facts are as I surmise.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

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