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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

NEW YORK,
April 14, 1944.

AIR MAIL
PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, dated the 17th ultimo, having reference to the sale of eight of their vessels to the U.S. Maritime Commission.

After reading the last paragraph of the above letter I contacted the U.S. War Shipping Administration and had a discussion with Mr. Lemon on the subject of our retaining at least some of these vessels. He stated he would have to refer the matter to Washington, D.C. and asked me to write him on the subject, which I did and I enclose a copy of my letter to him of the 23rd ultimo. I also enclose a copy of his letter to the War Shipping Administration, Washington D.C.

He phoned me a few days ago stating that he had had a favourable reply from Washington and that he would write me fully on the subject, which he did on the 12th instant. I also enclose a copy of that letter for your information.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

(SGD) WM. BENNETT

The Secretary,

LONDON.

P.S. It is concluded that the Committee will take the necessary action with respect to the withdrawal of the class in the cases of the "E.T. BEDFORD", "S.B. HUNT", "WALTER JENNINGS" and "WM.C. WARDEN".



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