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From: CAPTAIN ANTONIO CORDEIRO,
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The Secretary,
Lloyds Register of Shipping,
71 Fenchurch Street,
E.C.3.

27th February 1952

Dear Sir,

s.s. "ALCANTARA"

I am visiting this country as a Representative of Messrs. F.H. D'Oliveira & Co. Ltd. of Lisbon, and would refer you to the correspondence which you had with that firm in October 1950, with regard to the Special Survey which became due in May 1950.

As you may be aware, a dispute has arisen between Messrs. F.H. D'Oliveira & Co. Ltd. and the Board of Trade in connection with the chartering of the "ALCANTARA", for a voyage to Archangel. In view of the fact that the correspondence which had been received from you appeared to the Owner to indicate clearly that the Special Survey could not be undertaken in any White Sea Port, which was the vessel's destination under the terms of the Archangel Charter, Owners considered that they were under an obligation to charter the vessel for a voyage which would terminate at a port in Europe, where the Special Survey could be undertaken. Accordingly, they cancelled the Charter for Archangel with the Board of Trade.

In order to convince the Board of Trade that the Owner was acting in good faith in what he did, I should be very much obliged if you would let me know the date upon which the Owner asked you if he would be allowed to send the ship to the White Sea, and if in case of need it was possible to carry out a survey and repairs there.

If you can assist me to this extent I should be extremely obliged.

Yours faithfully,

Antonio Cordeiro

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