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The Surveyor

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KIEL.

Reference, if any:

Dated 18.11.50 Received 22.11.50 Answered

Vessel's Name:

In reply to your enquiry of the 13th instant, we have to inform you that the vessel "RIO GRANDE" has recently been converted to a whale catcher by Howaldtswerke Kiel.

For your information, we would add that the T-2 Tanker "HERMAN F. WHITON" has been converted into a Whale Factory Vessel, now named "OLYMPIC CHALLENGER", and 12 corvettes, in all, have been converted to catchers in Kiel and other North German ports.

Past and present names of the 12 catchers are as follows:

<u>Old name</u>	<u>Present Name</u>
Rio Grande	Olympic Fighter
Fert	Olympic Leader
Might	Olympic Explorer
Beacon	Olympic Cruiser
Intensity	Olympic Promoter
Ferry Sound	Olympic Champion
Mimico	Olympic Victor
Tra Los Montes ex Saskatoon	Olympic Chaser
Smith Bells	Olympic Fighting
Tulip	Olympic Conqueror
Drantford	Olympic Runner
Trillium	Olympic Arrow.

All the above vessels are owned by the Olympic Whaling Co., New York and are classed by the American Bureau of Shipping.



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