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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3

19th March, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant with its enclosure respecting the Steamer "SOCRATES" the contents of which duly received the consideration of the Committee.

In the circumstances of this case in which, owing to overdue Special Survey requirements, the class was qualified with the notation of "Laid up pending survey", the Committee have had no alternative but to expunge the class with a Red Line, indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules, in view of the fact that the ship has proceeded to sea without these matters having been dealt with, the new Owners intending to transfer classification to another Society.

As you are aware, apart from the question of outstanding machinery requirements, the full Special Survey of the hul, which became due so long ago as June 1949, remains outstanding.

The Committee's decision was accordingly conveyed to you by cablegram on the 16th instant and it should be apparent that there could be no question of complying with the suggestion that the class could appropriately be withdrawn and three dots inserted in lieu thereof in a case such as this in which major suveys had remained outstanding for so long.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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