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24.1.51 Received 31.1.51 Answered *✓*Name : AUSTRALIAN WHALING COMMISSIONSTEAM CHASER "CARNARVON" - SEPT. NO. 2382.

I have to advise that both Boilers of this vessel were repaired by me in June and August, 1950, and at that time the recommendation was made to the effect that the record of BS (with date) be in the Register Book when the Survey was completed subject Forward Boiler being retubed at the end of 1950 Whaling Season before the commencement of the 1951 Season. This commences in May 1951.

This was to give the Commission plenty of time in which to procure the necessary number of Tubes and to have the work carried out in time. It now transpires that they have received sufficient gauge tubes to retube one box and they have ordered the remainder from the United Kingdom and these are due to arrive at Fremantle in April.

I have agreed that it would benefit them to some extent if they were to fit the tubes on hand to one box and await the arrival of the remainder and that in the event of the rest of the tubes not arriving in time, they could, (if the Committee think fit) proceed to the coast to the Whaling Grounds and take with them a dozen workers and then complete the fitting of the tubes when the Season begins in August 1951, and I promised to put this case to the Committee through you as I am now doing to obtain their permission.

Actually the vessel is able to carry out Whale Chasing on one day if the need arose and in any case as the Chasers do not need more than twenty miles for whales they would be in easy reach of their base at Carnarvon and incidentally, the two other vessels, "GASCOYNE" & "THORVARD" would be operating in company with "CARNARVON".

I have to say that the Commission has made every effort to obtain tubes but the supply has been short.

In the circumstances, I desire to have the views of the Committee so that I can acquaint the Commission of their decision.

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