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MARSEILLE, 11th February, 1953

Monsieur P. Fondevur,  
Lloyd's Register,  
MARSEILLES

Dear Sir,

I apologise for again troubling you regarding the survey, even partial, of the starboard electric generating set, but you will no doubt understand that this is a vital question, both from the point of view of myself and the vessel.

In December, 1950, after the starboard engine had been overhauled by the Terrin works at Marseille, a total time of over 300 hours as necessary for running in the engine. Now, at the end of February, I have to proceed to sea with two new propelling engines and a portside generating set which has been overhauled. That means that they all have to be progressively run in, and all the electrical machinery, namely, winch, windlass, refrigerating machinery, steering engine and compressor sets, etc., has been overhauled and repaired.

I would therefore be very annoyed, should the starboard set after dismantling show the need for a renewal of several liners and for the taking up of clearances, compelling me to nurse the engine, as in that case we should be at the mercy of a breakdown, all the auxiliary machinery of this vessel being electrically driven only. Finally, we cannot ensure the unloading of cargoes with an electric generating set which has just been overhauled and at the same time feed all the subsidiary circuits, such as kitchen, battery,

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/etc.,



In view of the above reasons, which I trust you will understand, I shall be glad if you will agree to keep this set in its present condition (as the set has only done 3,100 hours of service it is only halfway through its normal running period before it is again due for survey).

Hoping you will agree to postpone this survey,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(signed) R. M. Demeillers

Master of the "EL KARIM"



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