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15th January, 1958.

Dear Sir,

M.
With further reference to your letter of the 30th November regarding the Tugs "ARTHUR BENELMANS" and "VIVI", I now enclose for your information a copy of one which has been received from the Lagos Surveyors on the subject.

You will see that whilst they would be able to deal with the Special Surveys at Boma, the time involved would be considerably more than you have indicated. Further they estimate the travelling and subsistence alone would be of the order of £200 per visit. We agree that it would be good policy for the Society to retain our small footing in the Belgian Congo and in these circumstances we would be prepared to arrange for the Lagos Surveyors to undertake these surveys and make only a nominal charge for their services over and above the expenses incurred.

M.
In this connection I have to say that the scale fees, based on the scale in operation in Nigeria, would amount to £150 in the case of the "ARTHUR BENELMANS" and £352 in the case of the "VIVI". On the assumption that each survey could be completed in one visit involving an absence from Lagos of not more than five days, we would be willing to accept an inclusive fee of £250 for the "ARTHUR BENELMANS" and £350 for the "VIVI". You will appreciate that this would mean a very small return to the Society for the Surveyors' services. £300

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Will you please discuss the matter with the Owners on these lines and let me know their reaction to the above proposal.

It should be made clear to them that in the event of it not being possible to complete each of the surveys in one visit they will be responsible for the additional travelling expenses incurred as well as a further nominal charge for the Surveyors' services.

Yours faithfully,

N.W.B.

pro Secretary.

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