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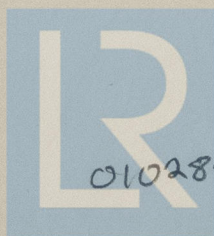
"ESSO BRETAGNE" and "ZANGUEZOUR"

With reference to the last three paragraphs of Mr. Taxil's letter of the 26th instant, it is submitted he be advised that there would be no objection to the classification survey and repairs being carried out partly in America and partly in France, but full classification 100A1 could not be recommended to the Committee for assignment until the satisfactory completion of the survey and repairs, including strapping. If, however, the strapping is carried out and the special survey only partly held as suggested, the remainder of the vessels could be generally examined at the same time by the Surveyors and on satisfactory completion of such examination the record of 100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk", "Classification Contemplated" in association with an "Examined" record could be assigned, pending the completion of the special survey.

Mr. Taxil might also be advised that these cases are covered in the Society's circular No.1871 and the Secretary's letter 23rd May, 1946, copies of which are in his possession.

It is concluded that Mr. Taxil has advised the Owners regarding the contents of the Secretary's letter of the 7th February on this type of vessel regarding the details of the requirements and recommendations in respect of strapping and other structural items which are based on experience with these vessels.

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