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Oficina Principal: Fenchurch Street, 71,
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Calle de Ibanex de Bilbao No. 22,
Apartado de Correos No. 286,

BILBAO, 12th February, 1941.

Dear Sir,

It has been at last decided that the T.S.S. "HABANA" is to be repaired and converted into a cargo steamer, and we are forwarding herewith the following plans for consideration:-

Midship Section	2 copies
Pillars & Girders.....	2 copies
General Arrangement.....	1 copy.

It will be noted that all existing openings in ship's sides are now to be closed and no sidelights will be fitted below those shown on the General Arrangement Plan. It is assumed that, with this new arrangement, a greater draft will be possible and Builders would be pleased if the maximum draft, which would meet the approval of the Committee, could be stated.

The Builders also desire to know if it will be possible to remove the lower deck. In the plan of Pillars & Girders this contingency has been provided for, and alternate diameter of pillars proposed. The stringer plate is to be retained as indicated, but it is thought probable that Web Frames or other additional stiffening may be required, and it would be appreciated if same could be indicated.

Plans of the 'Oil Fuel Bunkers' have already been approved as also was a plan of 'Pillars and Girders' for the vessel arranged as a Passenger ship.

Owing to difficulties with delivery of materials the bulb-angle sections & also plates for tubular pillars have been ordered and Builders request that the scantlings proposed should be maintained if possible, and additional stiffening will be provided if required. Plates for tubular pillars have been ordered wide to allow for an increased diameter should this be necessary.

We would state that the greater portion of the upper and main Dk. plating amidships and also much of the sheer strake and plating in strake below, in the same vicinity, will require renewal on account of the fire damage, and we understand this material is already ordered and part delivered.

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The Builders would appreciate an approval of these proposals by cable in case the modification required do not preclude this possibility, but in any case they would be glad to know what draft will be allowed, as soon as possible, as the Owners wish to know what deadweight capacity may be expected.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

(signed) A. E. Scott.

for the Surveyors,

The Secretary,

LONDON.

P.S. Further copies of plans are being forwarded under separate cover.



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