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DEPARTAMENTO DE BUQUES.

Messrs. Lloyd's Register of Shipping  
Apartado 286 Bilbao.

Dear Sirs,

Ship N°21 - "JUAN SEBASTIAN DEL CANO".

With reference to the conversation which the undersigned had with your Senior Mr. Engledow, regarding the assignment of freeboard to the above vessel, we may state that the plans mentioned in the circular I285, a copy of which you were good enough to send to us, have already been submitted and a provisional freeboard assigned. We have, therefore complied with the requirements of the above mentioned circular, and it only remains to definitely assign the freeboard.

As you are aware the vessel is to be classed IOOAI Shelter deck with freeboard, and scantlings have been arranged in accordance with this classification.

With regard to the plans mentioned in circular I285 we have recently brought these up to date, and we can let you have copy of them for your information. At the same time we would draw your attention to the letter your London Office wrote to us on the 16th Sept. 1925, in which on page 3 we are informed that your Society was not authorized to issue certificates regarding the subdivision of any ship, but that a letter could be furnished stating that the regulations contained in the Board of Trade instructions relating to the construction of passenger

ships had been complied with. The contents of circular I285 would appear to indicate that in any case you would have to cover all the ground in connection with the regulations above mentioned in order to assign freeboard.

We did not intend to ask you for a letter stating that the regulations had been complied with, as this would have involved an extra fee, but if circular I285 is complied with you will be in a position to give us the letter mentioned. We should be pleased to know whether you intend charging on the basis of section 32, page 8 of the Rules, or whether you contemplate a special fee. As the scantlings of the vessel have been approved to the shelter deck with freeboard rules, we only contemplated paying for freeboard according to fees indicated in the Rules and Regulations. All this is very confusing and we should be very pleased to have your comments.

Yours faithfully,

S.E. de Construcción Naval

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