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Dear Sir,

"ASO MARU"

Copy for "Sails man"

With reference to your letter dated May 9th regarding the forwarding of approved plans to permit consideration of the First Entry Report we would point out that only the Midship Section, Profile and Decks, W.T. and O.T. bulkheads, and the Calculation of Pillars and Girders were forwarded to London for approval in the case of this vessel. In subsequent ships only the first two of these drawings are so forwarded and clarification of your requirements as they affect Japanese construction would be appreciated for future guidance in the light of the following comments:-

1. All plans other than the Midship Section and Profile & Decks are now approved locally and the sole copy retained at this Office provides our record on which the relevant calculations for approval are shown in pencil for easy and ready reference.
2. Forwarding of these drawings (a total of 54 in the case of the "Aso Maru") would deprive this Office of records constantly used for reference.
3. The practice we are now adopting is to forward with the First Entry Report the London Approved Midship Section & Profile and Decks, also "As Built" plans of other structurally important parts (which are checked against our own locally approved drawings prior to despatch), together with copies of the "As Fitted" Midship Section and Profile and Decks. By adopting this system we:-
 - (a) retain a complete record of the plan work done at this Office for reference,
 - (b) provide London with both of the London approved drawings modified in black if different from the "as fitted" condition,



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- (c) provide London with a set of structurally important "as built" drawings checked against locally approved plans,
- (d) provide London with a final "as fitted" midship section and profile and decks.

We believe that the unusual arrangements now operating in Japan justify the system outlined above and your confirmation that the requirements of the Committee are being adequately met and best interests of the Society safeguarded would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) R. Ibison.

For the Surveyors.

The Secretary,
LONDON.



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