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30th June, 1954.

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Dear Sirs,

Steamer "GERONTAS"

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (undated) enclosing one dated 14th instant from the Owners of this ship, and to inform you that the points raised are fully appreciated by the Committee and have been carefully considered.

In reply I would explain that the stiffening which has now been recommended to the deck of this ship results from experience gained by the Committee of the behaviour of all-welded ships of this type since 1952, when the bottom of the "GERONTAS" was strengthened. At that time, the Committee had no reason to think that further strengthening would be necessary.

The strengthening recommended for the deck is designed to fulfil a different function from that required in the bottom of the ship. The stiffening in the bottom was to increase the resistance of the bottom against compression, whereas that recommended for the deck is to provide a safeguard against the effects of tension on the deck.

I shall be glad if you will be so good as to convey the above comments to the Owners.

Yours faithfully,

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