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Port of Malmo-Sweden
June 14th 1954

Your Ref: LNAP/PM
A.S. MOICAGVAN DE NAVIGATIE B.A.

Messrs A. Lusi Ltd.,
Plantation House,
Fanchurch Street
LONDON, E.C.3.

Dear Sirs,

s.s. "GERONTAS"
Re Lloyd's requirement deck stiffening

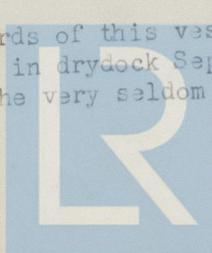
I acknowledge receipt of copy of letter addressed to Ocean Freighting & Brokerage Corp. regarding the requirement of Lloyds register of shipping for the following stiffening to be fitted as soon as possible.

A girder about 18 feet from the central line port & starboard etc.

I should like to remind you that this vessel when taken over from W.A. Souter & Co. Ltd. of Newcastle-on-Tyne on February 1952, she was according our B/S agreement delivered to us with special survey passed at that time and all requirements and recommendations of the classification society to be complied with. I was attending the vessel at that time and I know that regarding stiffening Lloyds Register classification society required stiffening to be made in double bottoms and in fact the ship was in dry dock for 30 days, 21 of which was for the stiffening as stated above.

Now I should like to know if the requirement as referred in Lloyds Register letter enclosed, is an additional requirement of the stiffening then made. Of course you understand that if the requirement as stated in the enclosed letter was considered necessary in addition to what has been already made I regret to say that the society did not treat us fairly, because this stiffening also if known at the time was to be made at the expense of the sellers.

I do believe that the records of this vessel have not been carefully examined. This vessel has been in drydock Sept. 19th and 20th 1953 and according Lloyds surveyor there he very seldom saw a more perfect bottom



Lloyd's Register
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