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## "WAZIRISTAN"

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., enclosing a letter dated the 27th July together with copy of the enclosure Owners "Common Brothers Ltd." mentioned therein relating to the mentioned case, and I am very pleased that the London office has pressed further comments.

The true circumstances are as stated in my previous letter of 17th April and it is reiterated most emphatically that no request was received from the Master or Agents for me to survey the vessel and I was not contacted by anyone concerning these repairs.

The statement of the Master is untrue and I strongly resent his Owners serious implication that I was not available or found it difficult to attend.

It has or can be clearly established that the repairs were commenced at 11-30AM (Friday) 17th April, 1953 and completed midnight same day (see enclosure on contractors work sheet previously submitted) and the work was not carried out during week end as stated by the Master.

As per my journal entry for the 17th April, 1953 I was attending the survey of the M.V. "Hoegh Silverstream" at Todd Galveston Dry Docks, and I was before available to receive directly or through the office clerk for surveys.

Arrangements here are such that by means of a person to person telephone call I can be contacted anywhere, anytime and during office hours and my home are always aware of my movements.

The record of special attendances incurred by me will indicate that I am available to attend the survey of a vessel when requested to do so at any day or night including Sundays. I have even driven to Houston in heavy fog at 2-00AM to assist a vessel to maintain her loading, and it may be added that I always give priority and special attention to the survey of any vessel not represented locally by an owners agent.

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Regarding the Owners Agents in this case "Lykes Bros. Steamship", they do not represent many owners of foreign flag vessels, and in fact during the past twelve months that I have been restationed in Houston, no request has been received from any of their branch offices (including Houston) with the exception of the S/S "Mountpark" (Gal. Rpt. No. 1000) surveyed at request of their Galveston office at 6-30PM Friday, 30th and Saturday, 31st January, 1953. Therefore they would hardly have been expected to assume my availability during the week end to be doubtful.

It was thought that a letter from the Owners Agents confirming the facts of the case would place the Society in the most satisfactory position to answer the Owners serious implications.

I enclose herewith copies of this exchange of correspondence, although I regret to observe that their official reply is evasive for obvious reasons. It does not confirm Mr. T. W. Wilson's verbal statement that the Master's request for my attendance, and even confuses the "week end" issue by referring to repairs carried out on or about the 17th April, 1953.

Being a conscientious Senior Surveyor very jealous of my reputation and thoroughness I await the Owners further comments and respectfully request that the Master be pressed for a more definite and precise statement before the matter is allowed to drop.

Yours very truly,

*Wm Rennie*

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