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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

LOS ANGELES

February 16, 1953.

Principal Surveyor,

NEW YORK.

Dear Sir:

"EBANO"

Herewith acknowledge receipt today of your letter dated 9th inst., together with copy of a letter from Leighton K. Montgomery Company relative to a further postponement of the Special Survey requirement for the above named vessel until the beginning of March next.

Towards the end of January I approached the Petroleos Mexicanos representative regarding the surveys due on the "EBANO", and was informed:-

"POZA RICA" Scheduled to resume service around February 6th; think she will sail about 19th.

"PRESIDENTE MIGUEL ALEMAN" to arrive early in February for Annual Docking and D.B.S. She arrived 12th and probably will sail around the end of the month.

"CACALILAO" arrived at Long Beach January 31st, as it was necessary to have the cargo tanks cleaned before docking, put to sea for this operation and is still there cleaning out.

"EBANO" Mexico City telegraphed January 30th, anticipating Poza Rica and President Miguel Aleman returning to service during February. The "EBANO" will then be laid up at Los Angeles to carry out the Special Survey requirements. This, I think, can be depended on. Will it be required to open up the Port engine which was entirely stripped down during July 1951?

"TOTECO" I have arranged, at the request of Petroleos Mexicanos, to leave for Salina Cruz, Mexico on the 20th to carry out survey after completion of the various repairs to this vessel.

Finally, I understand a new tanker is to be ordered for construction in Italy. I will check on what advancement has been made with this intention.

During my visit to Mexico, any urgent instructions should be directed via Mr. A. Gomez Fregoso, Head Insurance Department, Petroleos Mexicanos, Mexico City, who is always conversant with my destination and realizes the importance of passing along information.

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