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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

Q.S.S. "MONARCH OF BERMUDA".

In reply to your letter and enclosure of the 9th instant relative to the above vessel, I have to state that no structural buckling or deflection of the bottom of the vessel was observed in dry dock after the fire damage which had occurred there,

The high elastic limit material in the top sides sustained buckling and varying deformation due to fire, and has been subject to an unknown extent to water cooling during the extinguishing of the fire. In the absence of information of the effect of this on the quality of the H.E.L. material, it was intended after joint examination of it in the vessel with Mr. Ripley and discussion of the case with him, to take representative samples for testing, and to be guided by the results before accepting any of it on account of permanent repairs. The location of these samples was provisionally selected, but at that juncture the vessel was abandoned to the underwriters and later towed from the Tyne to the Firth of Forth pending a decision as to her future, a seaworthy certificate being issued covering this voyage.

No final conclusion was thus arrived at in regard to the material, and if this information is considered necessary on account of the voyage now contemplated to the Mediterranean, it appears some examination of the type indicated will be required.

Yours faithfully,

L. R. Edgar

R. S. Mr. Ripley concurs with the above.

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