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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

25th September, 1950.

Dear Mr. Caldwell,

I am very conscious of the mess we are making in supplying you with the proper documents in connection with the conversion of your Transport Ferries. I feel, however, I shall have your sympathy when I say that, with the exception of the "RIOMINHO" every other ship seems to have changed its name.

So far as I can see, Transport Ferry 3004 built as Vickers-Armstrong's Yard No.92 was first called the "RIO MALVA" and is now the "RIO TEJO"; Transport Ferry 2023, Lithgows Yard No.1011 was first changed to "RIO TINTO" and is now "RIO GUADIANA"; Transport Ferry 3032, Charles Connell's Yard No.F2 was originally the "RIO MONTEGO" and is now the "RIO CLARO".

I hope that the photostat copies of the first entries so far supplied are now sufficient for your purpose, but if not please let me know semi-officially and I will do what I can.

The Transport Ferry 3039 commenced as Vickers-Armstrong's Yard No.941 is, however, a positive headache, as following the promise made to you in the last paragraph of my official letter of the 30th ultimo, I communicated with the Barrow Surveyors who state, and re-affirm most definitely, that Transport Ferry 3039 which was Vickers-Armstrong's Yard No.941, was broken up after sustaining damage at the launch.

Would it be possible for you to confirm the number of this ship which I presume is now named "RIO VOGA", so that I could prosecute further enquiries?

With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely,

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