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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

28th March, 1950.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to Mr. Bainbridge's call here last week regarding the steamer "OAKLEY", I beg to acquaint you that the case has been re-examined in the light of his representations.

S It has now been definitely established that the ship was built in 1921 to the Germanischer Lloyd Class with the notation "K" which limited the service. This limitation has continued throughout the period the ship appeared in the Germanischer Lloyd Register, and there is no evidence of this 29-year old steamer having ever been employed regularly on ocean service.

In regard to the statement that no warning had been given of a possible limitation in service, we have on record a note that your Company telephoned this Office on the 14th December last in regard to this question and a telephonic reply was given on the 20th December.

When the ship was operating under a yearly examination by Lloyd's Register the Load Line Certificates were endorsed limiting trading to between ports in Great Britain and Ireland and ports on the Continent of Europe. In addition, the British Corporation Surveyor who dealt with this survey in its early stages has stated that he had in mind recommending classification with similar service limits. A re-examination of the scantlings etc., has not shown any additional feature that would enable a recommendation to be made for unlimited service.

So far as the Society is concerned, in a case such as this where the vessel is not considered suitable for unlimited service, the trading limits desired must be precisely defined by the Owners, and if approved an appropriate qualification of class defining limits would appear in the Register Book. In the event of a change of service being desired at some later date the notation could be amended to suit any comparable service anywhere.

In these circumstances no departure from the

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previous recommendation is considered justified, and perhaps you will be good enough to furnish me with the geographical limits of the service intended for the ship.

Yours faithfully,

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Clerk to the
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