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The Secretary,
London.

Dear Sir,

    With further reference to our letter
of the 8th instant relative to the Steamer "OAKLEY",
we have had some discussion with Mr. Bainbridge of
Messrs. Anthony & Bainbridge, and with regard to the
outstanding fees, he states that Messrs. Harris &
Dickson Ltd. were first morgagees on this vessel before
she was sold by the Admiralty Marshall. And, further,
that the Bill of Sale from the Admiralty Marshall was
"free of encumbrances." He expects to be in London
early this week and proposes to call in the London Office
to discuss the position.

    In the meantime we have agreed to do some
preliminary facilitating items of survey so as to avoid
holding up progress on the ship. At the same time, as
this is contrary to our written instructions, it will be
realised we cannot well go further in the matter.

    Mr. Bainbridge stated he was in the first
instance proposing to carry out the Special Survey in
full, and it has occurred to me that, if this takes place,
he might, in these circumstances, be willing to pay the
full fees for classification and survey, in which case the
Committee might be prepared to waive the outstanding
British Corporation fees, as allowance would normally be
made for these if they were paid, and it does not appear
that any official report was made by the British Corporation
at the time of charging them.

    It might be thought desirable to put this
to him, but if this were done, the amounts involved should
be clearly defined so far as this is possible. It is
understood he may call in the London Office on Wednesday
morning and the ship may be in drydock on Thursday, so that
it is very desirable that some decision should be arrived
at and this Office informed.

    Yours faithfully,

G.R. Edgar

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Referred to Mr. Cook.

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