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CONFIDENTIAL

Steamer "EMPIRE FAUN"  
Temporarily Sailing As "SIRIUS".

Mr. T.P. Phipps of the Admiralty (Whitehall 9000, Extension 1123) has telephoned today regarding our letter of the 19th instant addressed to the Ministry of Transport, which has been re-directed to the Admiralty.

He states that this ship is on indefinite loan to the Greek Government, but as the Admiralty have no further use for her, an offer has been made to the Greek Government, asking whether they would be prepared to purchase her for £10,000. Mr. Phipps states that he does not think the Greek Government will accept this offer, as under the present arrangement they can continue to use the ship without payment.

The Admiralty have no information as to the vessel's present condition, or what the position is in regard to compliance with the Society's requirements, and Mr. Phipps suggests that an answer to our letter of the 19th instant might be deferred until a reply has been received from the Greek Government as to whether they are prepared to buy the ship.

I informed Mr. Phipps that the Committee would no doubt be prepared to leave the matter in abeyance in the meantime, and that receipt of final information from him would be awaited.

*[Handwritten signature]*

26th June, 1961.



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Vessel to be Surveyed  
by LR before end  
August (including  
repairs) or lose class

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