

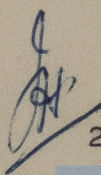
s.s. "VERGRAY"

Delay in Newport Report No. 25515

See Mr. Stocks' letter 19-10-49

It would appear to be necessary to emphasize to the Surveyors that it is essential that as soon as ~~the~~ Surveyors have completed ^a ~~their~~ survey the Committee Reports 8 and 9 should be forwarded without undue delay, in order that ~~they~~ may be submitted to the Classification Committee. Because long delay in establishing the current classification position of the ship may lead to embarrassment with Owners.

This report should not have been withheld pending settlement of dispute between Owners and Underwriters, but should have been forwarded as suggested in the fifth paragraph of Mr. Stocks' letter, the full facts being stated. If considered desirable, the issue of the Special Damage Report could have been delayed pending ~~discussion~~ discussion between Owners' and Underwriters' representatives.


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