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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3

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BY AIR MAIL

26th July, 1954.

Admin.
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Dear Sir,

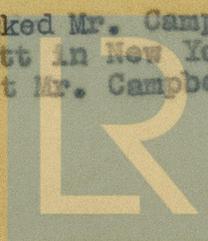
Tanker "ANDROS VENTURE"

With reference to your letter of the 15th June we enclose copies of letters which we have exchanged with the New York Office.

You will see that we have virtually nothing to justify the assignment of the cross for the machinery. Nevertheless, we are still ready to consider any practical suggestion to permit this and we invite your further views.

If after hearing from you and from the New York Office we have still no better grounds for assigning the cross then it will be necessary to explain the situation to Mr. Campbell. He will have to be told that:-

- (a) While your negotiations with him were in progress in April 1952 the machinery was actually being constructed under the supervision of the American Bureau.
- (b) When the request form was sent in August 1952 the bulk of the materials had already been tested.
- (c) Your letter to Mr. Campbell of the 7th April 1952 asked for his assurance that the manufacturers of the machinery would notify our Surveyors when their attendance was necessary.
- (d) The same letter asked Mr. Campbell to contact Mr. Bennett in New York - we are not aware that Mr. Campbell did this.



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- e) Clause E of Mr. Campbell's letter to you of the 5th April 1952 stated that advices of tests would be given to all interested parties by the Shipbuilder - from the attached copy of Mr. Roberts' letter of the 7th July 1954 you will see that the engine builders were not instructed by the shipyard until April 1953 when the job was virtually finished.
- (f) The last sentence in Clause E of Mr. Campbell's letter of the 5th April 1952 may be regarded by Mr. Campbell as the key to the present situation. If so, our reply would be that we have accepted the American Bureau Survey for classification purposes as shown by the assignment of an LMC notation. The assignment of the cross, however, is another matter and can result only when L.R. Surveyors have supervised construction and witnessed tests.

Yours faithfully,

W.J.F.

Secretary.

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