

ORIGINAL WITH CASE OF M.S. "ST JAMES" - Mob. 2150.

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

17 Battery Place,

New York 4, N.Y.

March 17, 1955.

The Secretary,

LONDON.

Dear Sir,

U.S. Government Reserve Fleet.

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, it is our opinion that it would be wise to continue to include these vessels in the Register Book with the notation "Laid up - Surveys Overdue".

We are in communication with the U.S. Government authorities regarding the vessels, and in particular as to whether they have been examined in drydock by their own representatives recently, and upon receipt of any further information in this connection, we will communicate with you.

These vessels may subsequently be put in private operation and it would, in our opinion, be ~~put~~ in the Society's best interests if the new operator could feel that by compliance with our requirements, the vessels would receive an appropriate classification status without the necessity of approaching a classification society for a new classification.

Our present discussions with the U.S. authorities may very well take sometime, and in the meantime therefore, I would recommend that their present status be retained.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. W.J. Roberts,
Principal Surveyor, U.S.A.