



LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

17 Battery Place,

New York 4, N. Y.

July 24, 1963

AIR MAIL

The Secretary

LONDON

"ESSO BALBOA"

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of July 19th about the transfer of class of this vessel to American Bureau. By this time you will have received the Secretary's letter of 22nd July conveying the Owners decision to make the transfer.

While there is nothing further that I can do to retain the class of this particular vessel, I still intend to continue to stress to the Esso International officials here the advantages of classification with Lloyd's Register. I am sure it will be equally important for you also to continue to press the matter with Esso officials in London, and persuade them that classification with us could be an important part of the American oil companies' obvious wish to portray the international nature of their operations.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roberts
Chief Representative and
Principal Surveyor

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