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AIR MAIL

The Secretary

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"ESSO BALBOA"

Dear Sir:

I think it as well to advise you of the following exchange of cables with the Hamburg surveyors regarding the class of the above vessel.

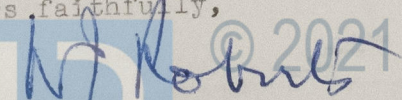
RECEIVED:-"ESSO BALBOA NO IN REG BOOK 92250 REYURLET 2/4/63 TO OWNERS STOP VESSEL IN HAMBURG FOR ALTERATIONS STOP OWNER SUPERINTENDENT STATES CLASS WILL BE CHANGED TO ABS STOP PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY FURTHER ACTION NECESSARY SURVEYORS HAMBURG".

SENT:-"REYORCAB ESSO BALBOA CLASS TRANSFER STATED BY ESSO TO BE POLICY MATTER AND EXCHANGE VESSEL TO ESSO INTERNATIONAL IS LLOYD'S REGISTER CLASS STOP NO FURTHER ACTION CAN BE TAKEN"

I discussed the question of the transfer of this vessel's class with the Esso International people, who have assured me that the transfer is a policy matter to fit in with general classification arrangements in the area in which the vessel will operate. They stated that there was no dissatisfaction with Lloyd's Register, and that on balance the Esso fleet was fairly well divided between ABS and Lloyd's Register.

I have arranged a further discussion with the Esso International officials here at which time I hope to persuade them that it would be to their advantage to have some of their ships in this area classed with us.

Yours faithfully,


Chief Representative and
Principal Surveyor

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