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Dear Sir,

Steam Tanker "ESSO BALBOA"

I refer to your letters of the 11th and 24th July and, of course, entirely agree with you as to the desirability of encouraging Esso International to continue with this Society classification of some of their American controlled fleet.

We have had a general discussion on the subject in this office, but all agree that nothing can be gained from again approaching the Esso officials in London as this point has been discussed with them many time in the past, and it is obvious that on this issue they have little if any influence with their New York Office.

It is therefore not proposed to take any further steps in this matter at our end. As notification has now been received from the Hamburg Surveyors that the work now in hand there is well advanced under the supervision of the American Bureau, the Committee have decided to give instructions for a notation of "class withdrawn at Owners' request" to be recorded against the vessel's name in the Register Book in this instance.

It is concluded you will take advantage of a suitable opportunity to inform the Esso International office of the action that has been taken.

Yours faithfully,

The Principal Surveyor,
NEW YORK.

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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