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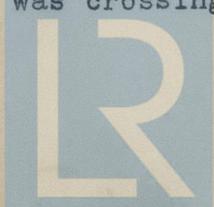
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The Secretary,
London

Dear Sir,

With reference to the oil tankers "ARGUS" (N°69966 in R.B.), "ACTOR" (N° 69092), "HARALD BROVIG" (N° 75620) and "HOEG RAY" (N° 76078), which have been purchased recently by the Société Nationale de Transports Pétroliers, a new Company financially helped by the French Government, and whose head Office will be 41, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris, I beg to inform you that, on the 20th instant, I have paid a visit to Mr. Achard, of Messrs Worms, Managers of these vessels, this gentleman being appointed Ingénieur en Chef of the new Company, with a view to obtaining that these vessels continue to be classed with this Society.

Two days before, on the arrival at Havre of the "HOEG RAY", a similar "démarche" had been made by the Society's Surveyors at Havre, at Messrs Worms' Agency in that port, and I have to add that during the visit paid to Mr. Achard, I was accompanied by Mr. Milet, who was crossing Paris on his way to the Nantes district.



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I regret to inform you that the result of this visit is that there is no hope that the classification of the Society will be retained by the new Owners, and the necessary arrangements have been made for the classification of the S/S "HOEG-RAY" being transferred to the Bureau Veritas.

The reasons of this transfer, as explained, would be a question of fees. Messrs Bureau Veritas would not charge any fee for transferring the vessels to their class and will make an inclusive annual fee for the subsequent surveys of these vessels.

I may add, in order to make this report complete, that Mr. Achard stated that his Company would be inclined to retain the classification of two of these vessels with Lloyd's Register, should this Society be agreeable to adopt a similar course, that is suggesting a "reasonable" inclusive fee, and that he would present to the Society's class a vessel of similar size, classed with the Norske Veritas and which has just been purchased by them, should the Society be inclined to class her without charging any fee !

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully.

James



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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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also for Mr. Sladden to note.

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Mr. Sladden

I am, Dear Sir,

in reply to your letter of the 17th inst.

concerning the proposed amalgamation of the two societies, I am glad to hear that you have been successful in your negotiations with the Messageries Maritimes and which has just been completed. I am glad to hear that the proposed amalgamation of the two societies is being considered by the Board of Directors of the Messageries Maritimes and which has just been completed. I am glad to hear that the proposed amalgamation of the two societies is being considered by the Board of Directors of the Messageries Maritimes and which has just been completed.

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