

## Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

OFICINA PRINCIPAL: FENCHURCH STREET, 71, LONDRES, E.C.3.

Calle de Ibañez de Bilbao, 22,

Apartado de Correos No. 286,

Bilbao, 17th December, 1949.

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Dear Mr. Sladden,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. respecting the steamers "JOSINA", "MANU" and "RIA DE EL FERROL" contents of which have been noted.

I am sorry that the cases of these vessels have caused you so much trouble and when speaking to Mr. Larrucea yesterday, I told him that the delay in forwarding his reports was seriously inconveniencing the Classing Committee.

I am afraid that my telegram would be somewhat late in reaching you, but you will realize that, as these vessels are now owned in the Barcelona district, I had to get into touch with Mr. Larrucea before replying to your letter. Several requests had to be made for the telephone call to Barcelona and it was only on Thursday afternoon that I got through. The difficulty in obtaining long-distance calls in this Country causes us much inconvenience and delay.

I have just received your cable regarding the "MANU" and "JOSINA" and will be guided accordingly.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

R.H. Sladden Esq.,  
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