

9th December, 1949.

Dear Mr. Scott,

I regret to say that through a combination of circumstances we seem to have tripped up rather badly in carrying out the threats contained in my cable to you of the 3rd September last in the cases of the "JOSINA", "MANU" and "RIA DE EL FERROL".

In the case of the "JOSINA", Mr. Larrucea failed to report the drydocking and part Special Survey carried out by him in August promptly as although he states thereon that he wrote the report on the 3rd September it was not received here until the 21st November. In his recommendation he states that the Special Survey should be completed by the end of October, but so far we are without news.

The "MANU" was even worse as we were put out of our stride by the receipt, on the 27th October, of a partial Boiler Survey report held at Cadiz on the 15th/19th of that month. Therein the Surveyor states that the furnaces of the main boilers should be jacked fair on the vessel's arrival at Barcelona towards the end of October. Up to the present we have received no further information, although in your letter of the 13th October to Mr. Larrucea, you asked him to approach the Owners again and reply to London direct regarding the outstanding surveys.

It is true, of course, that the "RIA DE EL FERROL" has only a provisional class in the Register Book but the receipt of Bilbao Report No. 10594 on the 31st October also threw this case out of gear.

I particularly want to put all cases before the Committee on Friday next, the 16th instant, and with that in view, I should be glad to have a cable from you as to the present position and whether, in your opinion, we have any hope of compliance in the very near future.

With kindest regards  
Yours sincerely,

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