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Dear Sirs,

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COLUM BUILDINGS,  
MOUNT STUART SQUARE,  
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AND AT CREECHURCH HOUSE, LONDON, E.C. 3.

24th October, 1949.  
(Monday)

m.v. "HOUSTON CITY"

Upon advice from your goodselves in letter of the 30th August regarding Boiler Survey due in respect of the above vessel in March last, we replied on the 2nd September to the effect that arrangements would be made for the Survey to be carried out in Queensland, Australia.

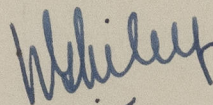
We were disturbed this morning to receive a cable from Cairns, Queensland, reading as follows :-

"UNABLE CARRY OUT BOILER SURVEY WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE DELAY"

We are assuming that the trouble is due to the vessel requiring the Riley Boiler exclusively for loading of Sugar Cargo. This will mean, without delaying vessel, the boiler cannot be Surveyed before vessel arrives back in this country, about the middle of December.

We confirm our telephone conversation of this morning and are pleased to note that you will advise us whether you will agree to vessel carrying on under these conditions, since we are able to state that this particular Boiler will not normally be required on the run Australia/U.K., other than for emergency duty. All steam on such loaded passages is catered for by the use of the Waste Heat alternate Fired Boiler. Your earliest advice will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



Director.

P.S. Since writing the above we have been instructed by the Ministry that the vessel is to proceed with the Sugar Cargo from Australia to discharge at St. John's, New Brunswick and from there she will load Grain homewards. We shall endeavour to arrange for the Survey to be carried out at St. John's, but you will appreciate before this can be done the Boiler in question would be required for discharging cargo.

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