

CONFIDENTIAL.

21st December, 1949.

Dear Sir,

S.S. "ACRELOIDE" now named S.S. "TEBRO".

I am in receipt of your cablegram of the 19th instant, and am obliged to you for the information contained therein.

My enquiry was the outcome of an airletter we received from Mr. Levi, the Society's non-exclusive Surveyor at Santos, who referred to the difficult position in which he found himself owing to the fact that as non-exclusive Surveyor to the R.I., he had been requested to commence a Special Survey for that institute, presumably in view of the L.R. class.

You will remember that in my cable of the 11th November, the Committee insisted upon the Screwshaft Survey being done by the end of the year, and the information we want now is the extent of the Boiler Survey now to be held, whether the vessel is to be dry docked, and the screwshaft drawn, and whether Mr. Levi, in his position as R.I. Surveyor will be called upon to issue an Interim Certificate of R.I. class for the voyage, a document which he would, of course, not be allowed to issue in his capacity as a L.R. Surveyor.

Your enquiries should be made very diplomatically, as the result may have some bearing on the forthcoming discussions with the R.I. in the matter of dual classification.

An airmail reply will be appreciated, as we have a preparatory domestic meeting here on the 29th instant, at which the point will be brought up. If you think an airmail letter will not reach us in time, please cable briefly your findings.

We think it only right to point out that Mr. Levi's position is fully appreciated here.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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