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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

HONG KONG

28th November, 1949.

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Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your classing letter of 4th inst. in regard to the steamer "HU MEN" and think it advisable to record the present position regarding this vessel and her sister ships "YU MEN" and "YEN MEN".

At the moment all these vessels are trading within Hong Kong River trade limits but should the political situation permit there is no doubt the Owners will send the vessels North to trade in their designed area, the Yangtze River.

The Owners at present have no intention of trading on the China Coast with these vessels and it is doubtful if vessels of such design and draft could withstand N.E. monsoon conditions on the China Coast without incurring undue "heavy weather" damage.

The Owners request that all classification and load line reports be endorsed "For services within Hong Kong River Trade Limits or Yangtze River service".

This is a similar endorsement to that proposed for the smaller "MEN" ships "CHI MEN", "CHIEN MEN", "LUNG MEN" and "SHIH MEN".

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. JAMES A. ANDERSON.

For the Surveyors.

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