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(CHARTERED BANK BUILDING)
(YOKOHAMA PORT P. O. BOX 228)

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

Reference

25th June, 1968

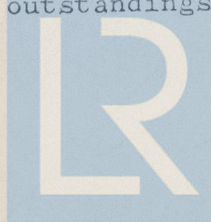
Dear Sir,

I have to report on my recent visit to Rangoon where, thanks to the good offices of the Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, who is also current Chairman of the Burma Five Star Line, I was granted a visa for a stay of seven days.

I found Mr. Hormusjee in a poor state of health and suffering from a very bad case of nervous tension, due no doubt to the effect of the present political and racial conditions. His failure to keep his promise to bring reports and accounts up to date is very obviously the result of his abject terror of being discovered dealing in currency matters which are illegal. To recover payment outside Burma for services rendered in Burma is highly treasonable under the existing regime, and anyone corresponding with foreign organisations comes under the closest scrutiny by the authorities, all mail is likely to be censored (particularly as Hormusjee is not a natural born Burman but has adopted Burmese nationality).

For the same reason Hormusjee has failed to keep a journal or other official record of his surveys, but depends entirely on a small note book, rather badly kept. He carries out Surveys when requested by other Societies, signs standard certificates on board, but does not submit fee letters or other reports.

In an effort to get some form of response to the request for information on outstanding items I managed to get sketchy reports done during my stay, these were forwarded with my letter from Bangkok on the 19th inst., a copy of the interim certificate for the "Eastern Muse" is also attached herewith, the original was sent to owners but the report is awaited, other outstandings are;



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AUNG ZEYA", extensive repairs were carried out during docking, the details were not available but Hormusjee has promised to forward them in the near future.

"YENEN" Hormusjee states he cabled you details of repairs carried out, the special Survey has been completed and a report is being prepared.

"BLUESEA" report now preparing.

"MYAN AUNG" The Rules for an ice class notation have not been complied with, please accept this as a report.

"NEWHEATH" Hormusjee states a report was sent on the 28th March for survey of circulating pump.

"CUST 1,2,3,4" these were stated to be in good condition on arrival but a report is yet to be submitted.

"CHIT MYANMA"

This firm is stated to be bankrupt, the engines have been removed from the vessel which is now used as a Dumb Barge, class should be withdrawn.

I would suggest that outstanding items be again brought up to date and I will get Mr. Soe Aung to assist in finalising the remaining reports.

As stated in my Bangkok letter of the 19th inst. Soe Aung has agreed to take over the non exclusive surveying duties at Rangoon on a temporary basis as from the 1st July. Mr. Tin Tun was also available and has agreed to eventually accept the post on a permanent basis subject to preliminary training in Japan when Soe Aung leaves.

They have both requested that their letter of appointment be reworded without cross reference to either individual as they do not wish the authorities to know at this stage that (a) Soe Aung's appointment is temporary and (b) that Tin Tun intends to leave the Burma Five Star. The "authorities" being the political commissars.

Messrs. Aung and Tin further request that the fee division referred to in their letters be amended, they do not wish to be on record as having foreign accounts,



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