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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

12th January, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 5th instant respecting the case of the steamer "AUDAX". Meantime we have a cable from the Owner at Pesaro to say he considers the Society is not justified in cancelling the class with a black line, but as he would be economically damaged thereby he would be obliged to "protest damages" - whatever that may mean.

The facts referred to in your letter were read to the Committee today and on technical advice following the Trieste Surveyors' report on the port boiler made in July, and of the interim repairs which are now stated to have been effected under the supervision of the R.I. Surveyors, the Committee have taken the unusual step of instructing that the black line, expunging the class should be changed to a red line indicating non-compliance with the Rules.

I shall, therefore, be glad if you will inform the Owner that although it is considered the conduct of the case by the Society and their previous decision to be justifiable as the boilers were not submitted for re-examination as promised, they have altered the method of expunging the class as indicated above.

Meantime I shall not be acknowledging the cablegram received from the Owners.

Yours faithfully,

A. T. Griffith, Esq.,
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Clerk to the
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