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NAME Surveyors.

ADDRESS Buenos Aires.

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Vessel's Name: "BAHIA THETIS"
X "BAHIA AGUIRRE"
"BAHIA BUEN SUCESO"

With reference to your letter of the 5th. March and previous exchange of correspondence concerning the classification of the above named vessels we would advise you as follows.

On the 13th. March last, a Registered letter was again addressed to the Ministry of Marine, clearly setting forth particulars of the overdue surveys and requesting them to confirm their intentions respecting these surveys and the vessels classification with this Society. The matter was also discussed with Mr. Gale during his recent visit.-

No reply has to date been received to this communication. and we have today addressed a further letter pressing for a decision.

We have been verbally informed and it seems certain that it is not their intention to retain the classification but fail to confirm this in writing.

Some weeks ago one of these vessels was reported in the local press to be ice bound in the South Antarctic, and last week another vessel left for Bahia Blanca on a training cruise.

Should we receive no written confirmation from this Ministry within a short period, there would be no alternative but to deal with the Class of these Naval Transports without further notice.

It should perhaps be made clear that these vessels (also "Punta Medanos") are auxiliaries to the Argentine navy.

