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Dear Sir,

m.v. "DUMBO"

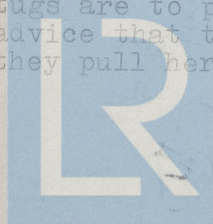
I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14th March, with reference to the above vessel, and have delayed replying as this vessel is very much in the news meantime, and Owners would appear to be, since she was wrecked, non-existent!

There has been very considerable controversy in the local Press, because, as can be seen, the vessel is lying high and dry on one of the Las Palmas beaches, to the detriment of Tourist trade, and because there is no money available, there have been no Salvors available, and the Owner of the Hull, prior to the wreck, who paid Pts. 40.000 for it, it is understood, disappeared out of the Authorities' ken, as it would appear he became liable for all damages to Tourist trade etc. etc., and also for all Salvage expenses.

From the cuttings enclosed (dated Las Palmas 2.4.69), you will see that the Press had the vessel moving. Unfortunately for the optimists, the local Salvors who are the Port Authorities, have not been any more fortunate in doing so than I anticipated when the vessel was first put ashore. They have bulldozed and pumped sand around her, only to find that the tide washed it up again, and now the vessel is deeper than she has ever been before.

At high tides next week, it is understood that all the available tugs are to pull her off the beach, this, in spite of advice that the Hull is now fractured, and that if they pull her off, there is every

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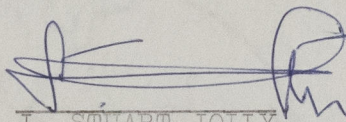
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likelihood she will sink further out and be more difficult to cut up. The intention meantime, it is understood, is to take her as quickly as possible out to deep water and sink her, probably by gunshot from the Spanish Navy.

I am not optimistic, but will keep you informed as to how and when the vessel finally disappears off the local scene.

Yours faithfully,



J. STUART JOLLY

The Secretary,  
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