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Ministry of Transport,
Tanker Division,
Berkeley Square, House,
London, W.1.

MARINE DEPT.

22nd May, 1946.

Dear Sirs,

"EMPIRE TEDMUIR"

We have to bring to your notice that the above vessel which recently completed building on the Clyde was delayed at Avonmouth during loading operations due to leakage of cargo into the pump-room. Apparently after loading 80 tons of Octane into the No.2 cargo tank the spirit commenced leaking into the pumproom by way of the pipe line bulkhead flange. It transpired the bulkhead flange joint was defective, allowing leakage between this flange and the bulkhead plate. You will appreciate it was necessary for us to pump the cargo ashore and gas-free the tanks and pump-room in order to remake the bulkhead joints and re-test.

It might be that the bulkhead pieces were fitted in place after the cargo tanks were tested. If such be the case the cargo tanks should have been flooded above the level of the bulkhead pieces.

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Yours faithfully,
THE ANGLO-SAXON PETROLEUM CO. LTD.

(Signed) John Lamb.

Manager, Technical Division.

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