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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

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3rd November, 1945.

Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 12th ultimo regarding the question of the date of build assignable in the cases of the "HOECH SILVERMANN" and "HOECH TRADER", and have to say that, with the facts as at present known, it is not seen how the Committee could agree to a "split" date of build such as that which is being recorded in a number of other cases, seeing that the vessels appear to have been in actual service for some time and the split record was only designed to be applied to vessels laid up on completion.

It may have been, however, that they were laid up after being taken over by the Germans, and any further evidence you may be able to glean of their service during the war, would be useful.

You should also state the more precise nature of the "radical alterations" made by the Germans and give details of the very extensive repairs now being carried out to bring her back to her original form and condition so that the possibility of making special entries in the date of build column can be further investigated.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the  
Classification Committee

The Surveyors,  
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