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AIR MAIL

The Secretary

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Steamer "SINCLAIR H-C"

Dear Sir:

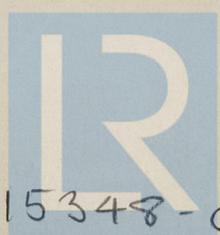
I have to confirm my cable sent to you on the 18th instant:-

"SINCLAIR H-C REYORLET 14TH IMPORTANT YOU WITHHOLD PUBLISHING CLASS IN SUPPLEMENT PENDING RECEIPT OF FURTHER COMMUNICATION FROM US"

You will, of course, realize that this is a dual classed ship. On receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, discreet inquiries were made respecting the American Bureau's intentions regarding class, and we found that no action was anticipated. This appears to be normal AB procedure in such cases, and further that a "Laid Up" notation would not be recorded against the owners' wishes.

Such a notation in this country is normally taken to indicate that the ship has joined the Government Laid-up fleet. If a ship is merely taken out of commission for a short time by the owners, they very naturally object to any notation which might give possible charterers the impression that the ship is being taken out of service for a lengthy period.

No indication has yet been given to the owners of the Committee's action, but mention was made to them that this case would have to be considered. Their immediate reaction was that any notation against the ship would almost certainly lead to a withdrawal of class. No mention was made of the other ships in their fleet which have dual classification.



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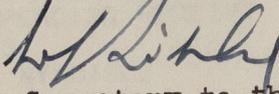
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In the light of the above, we should be grateful if this case could be resubmitted to the Classing Committee.

It may be that our procedure of assigning "Laid-up" and "Surveys Overdue" notations could be reconsidered in view of the connotation taken in this country. Further if a ship is laid up for a short period due to temporary lack of business, an owner might consider it as adding insult to injury if a "Surveys Overdue" notation is assigned, especially if he intended, as in the present case, to deal with outstanding matters before re-commissioning. The survey records speak for themselves and may be obtained from the Supplements by any one who is interested.

It would be a pity if we lost the goodwill of one of the few American owners who retain dual classification unless a point of high principle was involved.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary to the American
Committee



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