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21 JAN 1961  
LLOYD'S REGISTER

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
26 Westersingel,  
P.O. Box 701,  
AMSTERDAM.

Dear Sirs,

M.V. "Silver Comet"

We have received a letter from the Master of "Silver Comet" extract of which is as follows:-

"Of the voyage out, the vessel met with severe weather conditions on the first few days out. Force 7/8 winds were encountered during this period, and unfortunately the critical speed of the engine (160/210 revs) were of no assistance. Below 160 revolutions the vessel would not steer, and over 210 revolutions she pounded badly."

This is the first intimation to the undersigned that a critical speed covering such a range exists. On looking up the amended certificate 'issued on the 3rd January' which was the day of acceptance of the vessel, your notation of this critical speed range of 170 to 205 revolutions is seen, and we must add that had this been known by us on that day we would not have accepted the vessel.

So that we can fully consider the matter we would be glad if you would give us full details concerning this critical range, together with your copies of your calculations and graphical results, and please let us know if torsional graph readings were taken during trials.

We extremely regret being in a position to have to write to you in this respect, and we would also observe that your machinery certificate of the 23rd November 1960 for the "Golden Comet" which is a sister vessel, contains absolutely no reference to a critical speed.

c. Lloyds Register of Shipping, London.

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