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Dear Mr. Caldwell,

I do not think there is any need for me to add to the text of my cable the other day regarding the "MAGDALENA"? except to stress that everyone here appreciates what you have been doing in this most unfortunate case. We await details as soon as you have a minute to spare for correspondence.

I would also like to call special attention to my airletter of the 29th ultimo regarding three Brazilian cases and to stress the fact that the Committee are now bringing pressure to bear upon Owners, irrespective of flag, to ensure that the recently amended periods of grace allowed for Special Surveys are more strictly complied with.

You will notice that the new regulations, while giving a year of grace for a first Special Survey, only allow six months for the completion of all subsequent Special Surveys and it would do no harm for you to stress this fact to Brazilian Owners when making arrangements with them for compliance with such inspections. In actual fact, of course, they gain by the new arrangements, for if they take the full year on the first survey and six months for the next two, they are now given a maximum period of fourteen years to complete three Special Surveys, whereas under the old ruling, which dated all Special Surveys from the date of build, they only received one year of grace for the three - in other words, they had to complete three Special Surveys within thirteen years.

This will doubtless be a good argument for you in your efforts to keep them up to scratch.

Yours sincerely,

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