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25th June, 1940.

The Secretary,
Messrs. Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
"HIGH CLOSE",
Wiltshire Road,
WOKINGHAM, Berks.

Dear Sir,

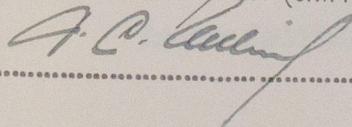
Dutch Tug "OOSTZEE".

We thank you for yours of yesterday's date addressed
to the writer.

Whilst of course, official information upon the where-
abouts of any Dutch vessel is not ~~always~~ obtainable, we have been informed
by the Master of one of the other tugs belonging to the same owners, that the
"OOSTZEE" was one of a number of vessels of the same owners which were destroyed
by enemy action off the Dutch Coast, or unable to leave Dutch ports owing to
enemy interference. Under these circumstances, you will appreciate that the
question of carrying out a Boiler Survey, cannot be dealt with.

Yours faithfully,

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
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