



30th December, 1941.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter S of 24th July 1941, with the enclosed copy of the damage report of the Singapore Surveyor regarding m.s. "TOENDJOEK", I have to say that upon discussing the question with the Owner's superintendents of Batavia and the Batavia Non-exclusive surveyor we came to the following conclusion:

With the assistance of the drydock and shore engineers available at that time the engine crew, who had to handle the vessel was able to get things going.

There were a few stops on the passage to Singapore but they managed to get there and made the Surveyor believe they left Batavia in the state they reached Singapore.

This same crew could, notwithstanding the fact that one of the outstanding superintendents of the Rotterdam Lloyd was on board, run seawater in the lubricating and Vulcan system to such an extra that the whole of the Vulcan coupling had to be taken out, cleaned and repaired. The whole of this engine crew has been fired and a new crew put on board. As these people have been handling Vulcan coupled ships before, we may rest assured that the machinery will be treated properly from now on. Trusting this is a sufficient reply to your enquiries.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,  
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In the existing circumstances it is unnecessary to further action

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