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Reference

Dear Mr. Ruck-Keene,

With reference to the recent correspondence regarding the compressor cylinder made by the Deutsche Werke of Kiel for the M.V. "PACIFIC GROVE", I think it advisable to let you know that Mr. Harvey, Superintendent of the Furness, Withy Co., has been here today and I met him at the works of The British Fiat Auxiliaries, Ltd. where he examined the casting and noted the three plugs in the L.P. stage, also probed the extent of a few other blow holes.

We talked over the matter and I again told him that I should agree to the cylinder being placed on board and used but I must place a limit on it to have it examined at the expiration of one voyage; this limit he would not agree to but wanted a clean record which I would not grant, so it was then agreed that a new cylinder should be obtained. He then dictated a telegram to the makers and had reached the word "Stop" when a 'phone message came/

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came through Messrs. Furness, Withy & Co. London to the effect that they had received a telegram from Deutsche Werke saying that the cylinder in question had been passed by Lloyd's Surveyor~~g~~ and was considered satisfactory. They would cast another at Harvey's request but Furness, Withy would require to pay the cost etc., delivery 5½ months.

Mr. Harvey then completed the telegram (copy enclosed) asking, I think, for more than the Deutsche Werke will agree to. I asked him, in the event of~~the~~ Deutsche Werke refusing to accede to his request, what steps he would take. He replied that he felt he had been let down by Lloyd's Surveyor at Kiel in passing the cylinder without reservation and he thought it would be, in view of Lloyd's acceptance, extremely difficult to force the makers to replace same, therefore he thought the only thing to do was to fit and use this cylinder.

I told him that the question of our limit would not arise until the vessel's return when, if everything has worked satisfactory, I had no doubt he would wish to have a look at the plugs, when we could join in the survey and definite arrangements could then be made as to the future.

He proposed to wait for the answer to his telegram and if the answer was in the negative he would then/

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then decide his future action.

If Mr. Harvey should call to see you probably it might be policy not to say you have received this information from me.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

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