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No. 32, AKASHI MACHI.

KOBE, August 23rd 1934.-

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T. S. Morrison, Esqr.,  
HONG KONG

Dear Mr. Morrison,

I duly received your letter of the 14th inst. with which you enclosed particulars of the professional experiences of Mr. A. W. Black, whom you suggest would be able to afford suitable local assistance at HongKong should occasion demand. In my opinion, it is most important to have some local assistance to fall back upon in case of illness or other emergency, and from your remarks, Mr. Black appears to be qualified and willing to fill this requirement.

In regard to this winter, however, I fear it is too late to change the arrangements already made and approved in London. As I have already informed you, Mr. A.D. Morrison is leaving here on the 30th September and has already given up his house and made all arrangements. Moreover, so far as I understand the position in HongKong, there is sufficient work in the winter months to warrant two regular Surveyors being stationed there, and, as you know, this arrangement was approved, on your

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suggestion, with the understanding that the second Surveyor would be available in the Far East for relief purposes during the summer months.

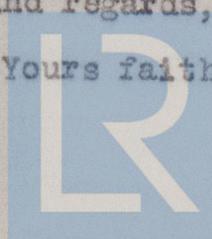
If there is no longer prospects of sufficient work in the winter months to warrant a second Surveyor being stationed there, it will be necessary to go fully into the whole matter in order that the Committee may be convinced as to the desirability of a change, and this will take some time.

As to employing Mr. Black in cases of emergency, however, I fully approve of this and even think it desirable that you should try him out on suitable occasions in order that he may become conversant with our methods, before such an emergency arises.

In regard to remuneration, I understand that in the case of Singapore, Mr. Ritchie is only called in when our Surveyor is absent or laid up, and that in such cases he attends to the whole of the work. Where two Surveyors are in a port, the case might be somewhat different in regard to reporting and division of fees. Although, I daresay that if Mr. Black only assisted in part of a Survey at times it would be quite practicable to come to an understanding regarding the proportion of the total fee applicable to such part, and dividing that proportion.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



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