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Enclosure.

F.A.M.

16th March, 1926.

Dear Mr. Leeuwenburg,

With reference to your letter of the 5th instant, regarding the case of the steamer "ANDIJK", we have looked very carefully into the question whether it is practicable to furnish the detailed particulars respecting founderings during the period between 1909 and 1914 and 1920 and 1926 to which you allude.

In order to obtain such information it would be necessary to search page by page through the Register Book for each of the 13 years in question, and, as you may judge, this would entail so heavy a task that we are unable to undertake it.

I enclose, however, a statement showing the number of ships holding different classifications, obtained by a search through the current edition of the Register Book, together with the number of vessels in each category which were posted foundered, abandoned, or missing during the year 1925, and I hope that this information will be sufficient for your purpose.

The exact percentage of vessels in the mercantile fleet of the world which are of the closed shelter deck type is not known.

Yours faithfully,

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