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11th October, 1917.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

With reference to the reports from the American Classing Committee of the 18th September, I note that you have marked the Minute on the steamer "UNKAI MARU NO.3", (S. Fo. 2568), "as now subject". The condition in this case referred to in the Special Reasons List, has now been removed by a report received from Nagasaki, so that the classification is without restriction.

Ship "MANX KING", (N.Yk. No. 14233). The date of the Special Survey No.2 is 1916.

Steel barge "NAVEGADORA No. 77". (N. Yk. 14236). Although the Surveyor states on the first page of his report that the intended class is A- barge, carrying petroleum in bulk, etc., in his recommendation he makes the class 100 A-, barge, etc., and I notice you have followed this in your Minute.

The Surveyor states, however, that the vessel is similar to the same builders Nos. 4 and 5, which are classed A, and I therefore conclude that the entry of 100A on the report is by a clerical error. The Certificates have consequently been made out for the A class, and I take it that I shall be in order in making the necessary alteration in the Minute, but I shall be glad if you will confirm this.

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S.S. "CUBORE", (Bal. 2176). With reference to the deep tank aft, which the Surveyor reports is at present to be used as a coal bunker, I shall be glad if you will inquire whether this tank is fitted for ballast purposes, and if so, whether it has been tested.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

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