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17, Battery Place,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I received your letter of the 21st inst. with copy of a letter which you received from Wokingham Office regarding survey reports on Italian vessels.

I have discussed that enclosure with my Surveyor and he tells me the following:

M.S. "EBANO" He says he made a thorough examination on all parts of the main and auxiliary machinery including the crankpins and bearings, thrust bearings, etc. Also the stern tube glands showed no signs of wear.

S.S. "PANUCO" The safety valves were adjusted at 180 lbs., at the Owner's request.

S.S. "TUXPAM" Again in this case the pressure was set at 180 lbs at Owner's request until such time that certain repairs could be done to the boilers. The boilers will be again examined and pressure adjusted when the work has been completed. The Surveyor feels that the examination he made of the machinery might well be credited towards Special Survey. The stern tube gland showed no signs of wear.

S.S. "FAJA DE ORO" The stern tube gland was also examined and everything found O.K.

I am not sure whether I mentioned to you in previous correspondence concerning the surveys on the Italian vessels, that these surveys were very thorough, the cost of overhaul and time used was of secondary consideration, because sabotage was thought likely to have been done prior to the taking over of these vessels by the Mexican Government.

Yours very truly,

/s/ R. G. PULFORD.

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