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27th March, 1935.

Dear Mr. Ormiston,

I duly received your letter of the 12th instant regarding the surveys due on Barges Nos. 1 & 2 belonging to Messrs. "La Columbia" Soc. Marit., and have noted your remarks.

If you remember, when we saw Captain Vaccarezza last May, I think I made it quite clear to him that we could not keep these barges in class unless our Surveyors were afforded an opportunity of carrying out some sort of survey upon them, and if I recollect correctly Captain Vaccarezza indicated that he would try to arrange for one of our own Surveyors to pay a visit when both barges were in a suitable condition for survey so that this could be carried out in one visit.

You will remember that the Accord is not intended to apply to any surveys of a major character and therefore it would be departing rather far from our principles if we accepted a complete survey carried out by a Surveyor to the R.I.

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I am afraid therefore that unless the Owners are prepared to agree to a survey by one of our own Surveyors when these barges are drydocked it will not be possible to continue their class.

I may just remark that although we have reached the present Accord with the R.I., it is not our intention to allow present arrangements to become the thin edge of the wedge to be used by the R.I. for the purpose of achieving complete reciprocity, which, as you know, has been their aim now for many years.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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