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eligible for classification, they leave much to be desired as to the manner in which they have been drawn up.

With regard to the hull, it is noted that the scantlings given on the first entry report agree with the plans submitted for the consideration of the Committee in February last, but the Surveyors should state whether in view of the examination made by them they are of opinion that the vessel merits the favourable consideration of the Committee to be classed 100A-.

With regard to the machinery, you will observe that the Surveyor reports the particulars of the scantlings of the engines and boilers as having been given by the Builders as correct. All these details are in accordance with the Society's Rules, but no survey is reported to have been held such as would render the machinery eligible for classification.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly take the matter up with the Philadelphia Surveyors with a view to the case being properly dealt with.

If an opportunity has not already been given for the machinery and boilers to be examined throughout by one of the Society's Surveyors and for the particulars in the Report to be verified by him from actual inspection, and the machinery and boilers found in good condition, you should kindly endeavour to arrange for this to be done, with

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a view to render the vessel eligible to have the record of LMC with a date, but of course without the special survey mark.✓

For your information, I also enclose the correspondence which has passed in the case and which you should kindly return to me in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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