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KOBE, 14th July 1918.

The Secretary,
LONDON.

Dear Sir,

I beg to state that a letter has been received from the Superintendent of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha informing us that the Company have decided to withdraw from classification the nine vessels named below as these vessels are in future to be employed entirely in the coasting service.

The nine vessels referred to are the AMERICA MARU;
HONGKONG MARU; KOHOKU MARU; KONAN MARU; KOTSU MARU; TAICHU
MARU; TAIHOKU MARU; TAINAN MARU; NIITAKA MARU.

I have not yet had a favourable opportunity of interviewing the principals at Osaka in order to ascertain further details & whether it may not be to the advantage of the Company to have the class maintained even though the vessels are to be engaged in the coasting services, when any advantage derived from classification for insurance purposes appears to cease.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. L. JONES.



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