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Dear Mr. Bowman,

This note serves to introduce Mr. Matti Nurminen, who is not only a very valued client of the Society, but is also a personal friend of mine.

He is in Kiel in connection with the "AINA MARIA NURMINEN" (No. 00460 in the new Register) which, as you are no doubt aware, has sustained very serious damage through contact with a mine.

He and a colleague, Mr. Alf Korhonen, called at this Office today and discussed with Mr. McAfee the question of the possible effect of mine damage on the machinery. Mr. McAfee pointed out that in his experience of this kind of damage during the War anything might happen, but that particular attention should always be paid to any cast iron fittings and to tunnel bearings, also seatings of engines and boilers.

I think Mr. Nurminen will explain to you his own point of view as regards the possibility of repair, but I know that you will give him every attention and assist him in any way required.

I shall be interested to hear what is finally decided in this case, and particularly whether she is finally ranked as a constructive total loss.

I have suggested to Mr. Nurminen that if he can spare the time he should call into the Hamburg Office to see either Mr. Macmillan or Mr. Bell, but if he has not found time to do so, I would suggest he contacts them from your Office over the telephone, as I am sending a copy of this letter to them.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

J. Bowman, Esq.,
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