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Friars House,

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London, E.C.3.

5th May, 1939.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71, Fenchurch Street,
E.C.3.

Dear Sir,

We purchased from the Skoda Works of Pilsen, Czecho-Slovakia, and supplied to Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson, Ltd., Neptune Works, Walker, certain engine forgings against their order No. E.13185 dated 1st December, 1938, and under your inspection. The engine is No.1606.

Of the forgings delivered two intermediate shafts were rejected by your representative at Newcastle, and our agent informs us that they displayed a large number of flaws which appeared to be full of what looked like silica.

Naturally we are in a difficult position vis-a-vis the Skoda Works, as they maintain that the forgings were accepted by your representative at Pilsen and should not be subsequently rejected by your representative at Newcastle. The contention is obviously that the acceptance at Pilsen is final.

It will, however, help us if you would be so good as to explain the Society's point of view on this matter, and let us know specifically on what grounds these forgings were found to be unsuitable for use.

Yours faithfully,

CARTERS (MERCHANTS) LTD.



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