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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
GENERAL MANAGERS.

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IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE } S.F.
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Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents,
The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.,
HONG KONG.

Dear Sirs,

S/S "KIAWO" AGROUND AT FUMIENTAN - 26/9/38.

We enclose copy of a letter from our Shanghai Office dated 11th instant, together with one of the photographs referred to showing the "KIAWO" as she now lies on the reef.

The enclosure discusses the proposal to cut a channel in the reef down which to launch the vessel before the river rises high enough to make this rapid a raging torrent. While the cost of cutting the rock is not excessive we agree with the views expressed by Shanghai that it will be a hazardous undertaking to lower a damaged and weakened vessel a distance of some 20 feet and if and when this is accomplished the "KIAWO" would still have to be put through a searching examination by the Surveyors to Lloyd's Agents who may conceivably condemn her. Mr. Fyfe, who was appointed by Lloyd's Agents at Hankow, is now in Shanghai and we presume a cabled version of his report will be sent to the London Salvage Agents to decide whether salvage is worth while.

We are, dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

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