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22nd April, 1944.

S. Dear Sirs,

Steamer "PANOS"

With reference to my letter of the 16th February last, I beg to acquaint you that a reply has now been received from the Society's Surveyors at Halifax and they state that the defects in Nos. 1 and 4 intermediate shafts were cracks which, in their opinion, were in all probability developed by stress of heavy weather which the vessel encountered during January and February 1941. These cracks were not in line, being radially disposed at approximately 90° to one another.

The Surveyors add these defects were not observed until the vessel arrived at Halifax towards the end of February 1941 and were, therefore, not included in the damage report previously compiled at Louisburg, N.S.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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