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Dear Mr. Sladden,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th July.

"PEGASUS" arrived at Beirut on June 10th and Socony, Istanbul, telegraphed that the Syrian Authorities were holding her.

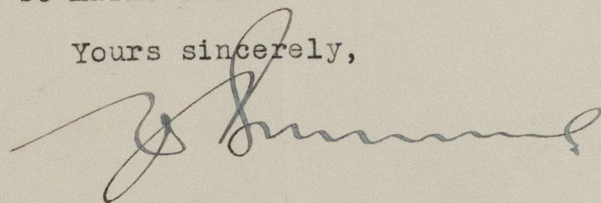
The matter was developed with the Ministry of Shipping and I am informed that negotiations are proceeding locally and it is hoped that an arrangement will be made whereby this and other British vessels being held will be released.

I appreciate the position in respect of her Class and shall be grateful if you would explain the matter to the Committee.

Perhaps you would be good enough to also inform the Committee that the arrangements for getting these vessels released rests in the hands of the Ministry of Shipping Representative in Cairo and the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, and it is quite impossible to signify at what Port they will arrive when the Official efforts have been successful.

I hope in the circumstances some dispensation can be arranged whereby her Class will be maintained.

Yours sincerely,



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