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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

7th January 1944.

Dear Sir,

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I have to confirm the following cablegrams which have passed between us, regarding the use of "soft" steel of Belgian origin supplied for the side shell, second deck plating, top sides and shelter deck plating of Messrs. A/B Lindholmens Varv No. 979 :-

Received 1.1.44.

"LINDHOLMEN 979 PRELIMINARY CHECK TESTS BELGIAN STEEL INTENDED FOR SIDE SHELL TOPSIDES SHELTER AND SECOND DECKS INDICATE SOFT MATERIAL STOP FURTHER EXTENSIVE TESTS ARRANGED STOP BUILDERS CANNOT OBTAIN OTHER MATERIALS AND DESIRE KNOW IF COMMITTEE CAN ACCEPT SOFT STEEL PROVIDED SUITABLE REINFORCEMENT FITTED UNDER SHELTER DECK DETAILS WILL BE SUBMITTED STOP CONSTRUCTION VESSEL STARTED BUT NO WORK DONE ON SOFT MATERIALS"

Sent 1.1.44.

"LINDHOLMENS 979 CABLE RESULTS CHECK TESTS ON SOFT MATERIAL"

Received 5.1.44.

"LINDHOLMEN 979 BELGIAN STEEL 21 CHARGES NOW TESTED STOP THIRTYSEVEN CHECK TENSILE TESTS TAKEN STOP SEVEN RESULTS ABOVE 41 KILOGRAMS STOP REMAINDER AVERAGE 37 FOR SIDE SHELL AND SECONDDECK PLATING AND 38 POINT 1 FOR TOPSIDES AND SHELTER DECK STOP FRAMES GERMAN STEEL THREE TESTS 38.7 40.0 47.9 STOP ALL EXTENSIONS GOOD AND AVERAGE EQUALS 30 PERCENT STOP THIRTYEIGHT BEND TESTS ALL GOOD STOP PROPOSED STRENGTHENING MIDWAY BETWEEN HATCH AND SHIPS SIDES CONTINUOUS HORIZONTAL PLATE GIRDER 450 BY 15 MM BELOW SHELTER DECK BEAMS WITH INTERCOSTAL TO DECK EXTENDING OVER MIDSHIP HALF LENGTH AND BEYOND TO TWOHIRDS LENGTH ABREAST HATCHES PLEASE CABLE REPLY"

Sent 6.1.44.

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"LINDHOLMENS 979 PROVIDED THICKNESS OF HORIZONTAL PLATE OF
PROPOSED ADDITIONAL WEATHER DECK GIRDER BE INCREASED TO 20 MM
MATERIAL INDICATED YOUR CABLE CAN BE ACCEPTED"

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Acting Secretary.

S. Townshend Esq.,
GOTHENBURG.



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