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Dear Sir,

27th September, 1944.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo forwarding duplicate reports of General Examination carried out on the steamer "KUMANOVO" whilst in dry dock in July, from which it is noted that this vessel is at present under the management of the Yugoslav Royal Navy as a Base Ship.

A report from Lt. Comdr. Jones has also come to hand and as by the time of receipt of this letter he will probably have left, I am including in this communication a general summary of the whole case.

It is noted in your report you state the chain cable as being 'within the limits allowed'. It would appear, however, from the particulars supplied that, of the 240 fathoms required 75 fathoms are below and 45 fathoms at the renewal size according to the Society's Rules; also that the bower anchors are all considerably below the Society's requirements.

These deficiencies in equipment being such as to warrant the deletion of the figure "1" from the vessel's class, the Committee have now continued this in the Register Book as "100A1. Shade Deck, With Freeboard" and have assigned a notation of "Examined 7,44." valid for twelve months.

As regards the machinery, a record of B.S. 7,44. is being recorded subject to a stoppered tube in the port forward boiler being renewed at the first opportunity.

It is noted from Lt. Comdr. Jones' report that no opportunity was afforded to draw the screwshaft which became due for inspection under the Rules so long ago as February 1942. The Committee have found some difficulty in agreeing to the retention of class on account of this omission but, having regard to the fact that she is being used as a Base Ship they have agreed to class continuance on the understanding that the Screwshaft Survey will be complied with before she is again used as a sea-going ship.

I shall be much obliged if you will inform Comdr. Jeremic of the Yugoslav Royal Navy accordingly, and I would add that a copy of this letter is being sent to the Owners' Agents in London for their information.

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I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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