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December 8th, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I have to confirm the following radiograms which have passed between us regarding the S.S. "ALABAMA" ex "Ashtabula":-

Received:

1 "ALABAMA CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY SURVEYOR PHILADELPHIA  
2 TWENTYFIRST OCTOBER PLEASE STATE AT WHOSE REQUEST  
3 CERTIFICATE WAS ISSUED AND TO WHOM SAME WAS DELIVERED  
4 STOP NEW YORK CERTIFICATE DATED SEVENTH OCTOBER PLEASE  
5 STATE AT WHOSE REQUEST CERTIFICATE WAS ISSUED AND WHY  
SURVEYORS SIGNED CERTIFICATE IN CONJUNCTION OTHER SUR-  
VEYORS ALSO TO WHOM CERTIFICATE WAS DELIVERED AND WHY  
OWNERS WERE NOT NOTIFIED THAT SUCH DOCUMENT WAS BEING  
ISSUED STOP ALSO STATE WHY COPIES OF THESE CERTIFICATES  
WERE NOT SENT LONDON STOP IN NEW YORK CERTIFICATE REF-  
ERENCE IS MADE TO SLIGHT WAVING OF DECK PLATING STATE  
WHY NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THIS IN YOUR OFFICIAL  
REPORT TO COMMITTEE",

Sent:

"ALABAMA",  
ERCOT - Radiogram received  
LODUW - Replying by letter.

With regard thereto I enclose for your information a copy of Certificate dated the 7th October, 1931, signed by Mr. Thos. H. White, the Italian Hull Underwriter Surveyor, Mr. George E. Silleman, representing the Owners, and Mr. Geo. R. Richardson, Surveyor to this Society in New York, also copy of a Certificate dated October 21st issued by Mr. J. M. Buchanan, the Society's Surveyor at Philadelphia.

I had a Meeting at my Office this morning at which Messrs. White, Silleman and Richardson were present, and it would appear that when the vessel was surveyed for damage in Philadelphia on the 14th March last by Messrs. White, Silleman and Buchanan a slight wave in the deck plating was noted, but the Captain of the vessel is reported to have stated that this had existed prior to the damage sustained through heavy weather on a voyage from Baytown to London in March. Mr. Richardson also observed this slight wave in the deck plating when the vessel arrived in New York for permanent repairs and was likewise in-

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formed it had existed before the damage for which the survey was called.

Mr. White, representing the Underwriters, obtained from the Master a list of the damage to deck fittings and movable items which were included in the Specification on which tenders were invited, but no mention was made in this list of the slightly buckled deck plating.

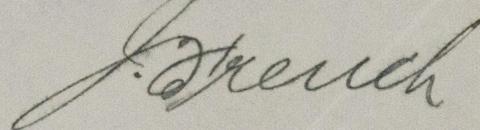
It would appear that when the vessel arrived at her home port, the Italian Underwriters communicated with Mr. White and asked him to obtain from the Surveyors a statement regarding the wave in the shelter deck in the vicinity of the steering house.

The Certificates mentioned in your radiogram, copies of which are enclosed, were therefore requested by Mr. Thos. H. White on behalf of the Italian Hull Underwriters and were delivered to him. No copies of these documents were received at this Office, otherwise they would have been transmitted in the usual way.

It should be added that Messrs. Buchanan and Richardson were under the impression that these documents were requested and obtained with the concurrence of the Owners inasmuch as Mr. Silleman, who signed the New York statement, was understood to be representing the vessel.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,



Chief Surveyor,  
U.S.A. & Canada.

The Secretary,

LONDON.

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*who appointed Silleman as  
Owners Surveyor*



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