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29th February, 1952.

ADMIN. Dear Sirs,

We confirm the receipt of your letter of the 27th February and our telephone conversation with you yesterday regarding the action which is now pending against the Elliot Steam Tug Co.Ltd., over the loss of the Tug "SECURITY".

With regard to the question of your obtaining statements, it will be necessary, as you have already been informed, for you to serve a sub-poena on each Surveyor before any further steps are taken.

Of the names of those gentlemen quoted by you, Mr. A.B. Jackson is not one of our Surveyors. He was, at the time of the enquiry, superintendent of Messrs. William Watkins Ltd., the previous Owners of the ship. Mr. Widgery, one of our Staff, has already received a sub-poena from the solicitors acting for the crew.

Mr. S.T. Bryden, a Principal Surveyor on the Chief Ship Surveyor's Staff, has examined the reports on this case, and does not think you will require statements from all the Surveyors you mention. He is of the opinion that when you have looked at the papers again, you will agree with his opinion.

If you had in mind to call these Surveyors because you want their reports to be put in as evidence, we could arrange for one of our clerical staff to produce these documents on their behalf in court for you. The same man will probably produce reports for the other side.

This arrangement would avoid our Surveyors being away from their ports, an important matter for us at the present time, when all our Surveying Staff are very busy.

Yours faithfully,

Thos. Cooper & Co., Ltd.,
27, Leadenhall Street, E.C. 3. Chief Executive.

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