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23rd October, 1934.

Dear Mr. Ripley,

You will remember that a copy of your report, dated the 1st November last, on the investigation you carried out in connection with the shell plating taken from the steamers "CHARLES PRATT" and "F.Q.BARSTOW" was forwarded to Mr. French, and on the 23rd November last I sent you a copy of the letter which I addressed to Mr. French on the 16th November based on the conclusions which you arrived at as a result of your microscopic examination and tests which you carried out on the samples of plates from these vessels.

Mr. French duly handed your report over to the Standard Oil Company's Officials, who expressed themselves as very much interested in the same and that they would discuss the matter further with their own metallurgists.

Mr. French has now forwarded copies of letters, dated July 10th and 24th, 1933, and January 18th, 1934, regarding the investigations made by the Owners' own Engineering Department, which I enclose for your information and shall be glad to learn whether you have any observations to make thereon.

Kindly return the enclosures with your reply.

Yours faithfully,

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