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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

24th August, 1936.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that Mr. A.P.Moller, of Copenhagen, the Owner of the steamer "NORA MAERSK", telephoned this office on the 21st ultimo that this vessel was on fire at Zamboanga, and that he desired Mr. Pickering, the Society's Exclusive Surveyor at Shanghai, to proceed to the Philippines to take charge of the repairs to the vessel.

This request was agreed to, and Mr. Pickering left on the 29th ultimo and cabled on the 13th instant that the vessel was to be towed to Hong Kong, via Manila, and that he was returning to Shanghai on the "EMPERESS OF JAPAN".

I have now received a further letter from the Owner, dated the 13th instant, stating that the vessel is now at Manila discharging her damaged cargo and will proceed to Hong Kong.

The Owner also states that the Underwriters have decided that they wish the vessel to be brought to Hong Kong before the question as to whether she is worth repairing, or not, is settled. It is understood that the damage to the hull is extremely extensive, and all accommodation, including the passenger accommodation, is burnt; also the refrigerating space etc.

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The Owner adds, as regards the machinery, "it would be a great responsibility to utilise any parts in the present engines, because they might later on turn out to be unreliable, which might endanger crew, cargoes and ship. To advise on using such parts takes a man of the widest knowledge of Diesel engines".

In these circumstances the Owner suggested that some special arrangement should be made.

The matter has been under consideration, and, in the special circumstances of this case, it was considered to be such as required your personal attention so far as the hull was concerned, and that the question of the appointment of an Engineer Surveyor with a wide experience of Diesel engines to join Mr. Macdonald in the survey of the damaged machinery should be left in your hands.

I therefore cabled you as under, which is hereby confirmed:-

"NORA MAERSK SEVERELY DAMAGED FIRE ENGINE ROOM WHILST
"ZAMBOANGA STOP AT OWNERS REQUEST PICKERING PROCEEDED
"PHILIPPINES DEAL REPAIRS STOP PICKERING HAS RETURNED
"HAVING ARRANGED TOWING HONG KONG VIA MANILA STOP
"DAMAGE HULL EXTENSIVE MACHINERY GREATLY AFFECTED OWNERS
"NOW DESIRE ENGINEER WIDEST EXPERIENCE KNOWLEDGE DIESEL
"ENGINES TO ADVISE RESPECTING REPAIRS OR RENEWALS STOP
"CONSIDER YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION REQUIRED HULL AND
"APPOINTMENT MOST EXPERIENCED ENGINEER DIESEL ENGINES
"JOIN MACDONALD LEFT YOUR HANDS STOP MAKE NECESSARY
"ARRANGEMENTS PROCEED HONG KONG ACCORDINGLY OWNERS HAVE
"AGREED. COMMITTEE"

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I shall be glad to learn in due course what
arrangements have been made in the matter.

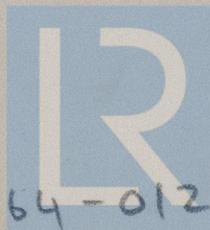
I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

H. Jasper Cox, Esq.,

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