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"PIONEER" I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo and may say that the Committee will not object to the vessel's class remaining undisturbed and an Interim Certificate being issued for the proposed voyage in ballast and in tow, provided the vessel be examined by you in drydock, any necessary repairs effected and she be found or placed in good and efficient condition for the voyage. The donkey boiler survey should also be held and any pumps which may be required during the voyage examined and tested under working conditions.

"ANGLO-NORSE" 5201 As recommended. It is noted that the Owners desire to postpone the completion of the special survey until sometime within the year of grace and that the parts seen by you may be accepted as part of the special survey. The Committee are agreeable to this request except as regards the examination of the bottom; as the shell plating requires to be drilled at this survey which will necessitate



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the vessel again being placed in drydock. I shall therefore be glad if you will inform the owners accordingly. I think it well to remind you that scantlings of some of the press boilers require still to be ascertained and in this connection I would refer you to your letter of the 30th November, 1937, and shall be glad to learn whether any action was taken in this matter on the present occasion.

5207, As recommended.

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