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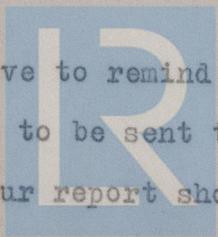
Dear Sirs,

M. I duly received your letter of the 24th instant forwarding freeboard reports on forms 11b and 11c for the s.s. "SIMON BOLIVAR", from which it is noted that a watertight bulkhead is fitted between the upper and second decks immediately abaft the openings in the vessel's sides forward.

In view of this bulkhead being fitted and the fact that the difference in freeboard between Table C and a vessel of well deck type having a well  $17'-1\frac{1}{2}"$  in length is only about 4", it is considered that provided hinged steel covers be fitted to the openings as approved in my letter of the 23rd ultimo, the same could be approved for Table C. freeboard, i.e.  $12'-7"$  from upper surface of wood upper deck at side, without any marginal endorsement on the freeboard certificates, it being understood that the openings are for use in fine weather only and are always accessible from inside.

At the same time I have to remind you that a copy of your freeboard report has to be sent to the Dutch Commission, and therefore your report should be complete in itself without reference being made to approved plans. Full

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particulars of openings, closing appliances, scuppers and positions of bulkheads between upper and second decks as actually fitted in the ship, should be forwarded on an amended report form llc, in order that complete information regarding the case may be sent for issue to the Dutch Commission.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

ROTTERDAM.



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