

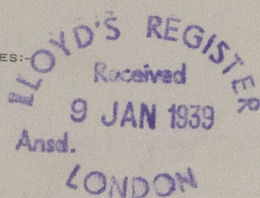
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53, LEADENHALL STREET,

LONDON, E. C. 3.

6th January 1939

Dear Sir,

"Italian Prince"  
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A Board of Trade Inquiry is shortly to be held into the loss of the above named vessel for the owners of which we act.

A question has arisen as to whether the vessel was fitted with a steam smothering line to the boiler room and we shall be much obliged if you will let us know whether this was necessary under your rules at the time she was built. We believe we are right in saying that when the vessel was first laid down your regulations did not include a provision for steam smothering to the boiler room but that during the course of her construction your regulations were altered which made this necessary and we would like to know whether in the circumstances the ship must have been fitted with steam smothering to the boiler room to comply with your regulations.

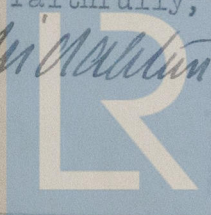
Will you kindly also let us know whether you have any record as to whether the vessel was on construction fitted with steam smothering to the boiler room.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,  
Lloyds Register of Shipping.

*M. Middleton*



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*Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor*  
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