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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

17th June, 1935.

Dear Sir,

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With reference to the freeboard survey carried out by you on the 19th May 1932 on the S.S. "MILLPOOL" (Report No. 18679), I am directed to inform you that a letter has been received from the Solicitor to the Board of Trade intimating that it is proposed to subpoena you to attend at the Official Enquiry into the circumstances attending the loss of this ship.

It is understood that you will be asked to say whether the standard of strength in the coamings of this existing ship was such as to meet the general requirements that the strength was equivalent to that which would be required in a new ship.

The Solicitor desires to have a statement from you showing precisely what you did, in order that this may be put before Counsel who is appearing at the Formal Investigation on behalf of the Board of Trade.

The Board are being informed that when the particulars of the hatchway coamings and the supports and covers were forwarded to this Office by you they were considered to be equivalent to the standard of the International Convention as applied to existing ships, and therefore it was not necessary for any instructions to be issued to you in respect of these coamings.

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It is not seen how you can make any useful statement on this question as the particulars reported by you were accepted in this Office, but I shall be glad if you will be good enough to forward to me as soon as possible any remarks you may think desirable on the subject.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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