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NEW YORK, Sept. 6th, 1910.

C. Buchanan, Esq.,  
c/o Lloyd's Register,  
71, Fenchurch St.,  
London, E.C.

Dear Mr. Buchanan:-

I have your note of 26th ult., drawing my attention to the report in the shipping papers on your side that our North Pacific branch office are proposing to build some passenger and cargo steamers, etc.

My attention has already been drawn to this report several times, but I am afraid it is of a somewhat premature nature, as nothing really has been decided in the above direction, although, for your private information, we are considering the matter of building one or two *ships*.

I think I am safe in assuring you that whatever we may decide upon to build will be under your Society's classification and supervision. It will be a month or two before we can decide anything.

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S.S. "CACIQUE". Strictly between us, I am sorry that we have had some little trouble with the 'Tween Decks of our new steamer "CACIQUE", details of which you have no doubt had from your Surveyor here. I am very much afraid that the fore-and-aft girders supporting the decks are too light in construction, but no doubt you have been looking into this. So far, we have not raised this question of weakness in construction with the builder. I know you will respect these few remarks as private and for your information only.

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Yours very truly,

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