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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Your Ref:- MM/DM

18th June, 1935.

Dear Sir,

Reverting to your letter of the 10th and mine of the 18th April last, respecting surveys stated to have been held on the steamer "LA CRESCENTA" at Yokohama, Kobe and Los Angeles, I beg to acquaint you that enquiries were addressed to the Surveyors at these ports and replies have now been received from them to the following effect :-

(1) Yokohama. The Surveyors were asked to state whether, from hearsay or from their observations they had any reason to suspect that the hull, machinery, including the oil fuel installation and auxiliary machinery, steering gear or equipment were in a defective and unsatisfactory condition.

Mr. Macdonald, who was the Society's Surveyor at Yokohama at the time (now at Nagasaki) has replied in the negative.

(2) Kobe. The Surveyors were asked to state whether they examined the ship in drydock about the 24th August last, and, if so, what repairs were required and effected to the hull, machinery, steering gear and equipment, and whether from hearsay or from their observations they had any reason to suspect that the hull, machinery, including the oil fuel installation and auxiliary machinery, steering gear or equipment, were in a defective and unsatisfactory condition.

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steamer "LA CRESCENTA".

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The Society's Principal Surveyor for the Far East states that the vessel was not examined by any of the Surveyors at or about August last, but adds that he had ascertained that the vessel was in the Mitsubishi dry dock on the 24th and 25th August for cleaning and bottom painting, but the Society's Surveyors were not called in for any survey.

(3) Los Angeles. The Surveyor was asked to state whether from hearsay, or from his observations, he had any reason to suspect that the hull, machinery, including the oil fuel installation and auxiliary machinery, steering gear or equipment were in a defective and unsatisfactory condition; also whether he had any knowledge of water being found in the starboard double bottom oil fuel tank when bunkers were being loaded, and whether he could say how many times the boiler under survey in San Luis was filled for testing or other purposes, if filled more than once, and on what date or dates the boiler was filled for these purposes.

Mr. Alderson, the Society's Surveyor at Los Angeles, has forwarded a letter from Mr. Dupuy, the Acting Surveyor who undertook the survey of this vessel, in which he gives particulars of the examination and tests made by him. He adds:

"Nothing was said of water in the starboard double bottom or other fuel tanks but when leaving the vessel in a launch on the first day it was noted that some scattered rivets were being caulked in the forward port shell near the light load line by men seated on staging suspended from the deck. No mention of this was made to the undersigned by the ship's officers".

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Trusting that the above information will be
of assistance to you,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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