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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

17th April, 1935.

Dear Sir,

## "LA CRESCENTA"

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I have to acquaint you that a formal investigation has been ordered by the Board of Trade into the loss of this vessel, and as the ship was under survey at your port on the 21st and 22nd November, 1934, I have to request that you will be good enough to state whether from hearsay or from your observations you 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 you have any knowledge of water being found in the starboard double bottom oil fuel tank when bunkers were being loaded, and whether you can 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.

W. J. Alderson, Esq.,  
LOS ANGELES.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
Secretary.

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