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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close, Wiltshire Road,

Wokingham, Berks.

21st August, 1940.

Dear Mr. Mackirdy,

I have been cogitating long and deeply upon your letter of the 15th instant regarding the fee to be charged in the case of the Dutch steamer "COSTPLEIN", and in reply, have to say that while everyone sympathises with your attitude, we are still in the dark as to how the misunderstanding arose that this vessel was to be classed with this Society. Our letter of the 20th June makes it quite clear that only a General Examination was required for the assignment of a record of "Examined L.R.", and although in their letter of the 23th June Messrs Van Ommeren certainly used the word 'classification', I cannot find any other correspondence which should have led you to assume that full classification was required. We naturally concluded that you had received local instructions, so that before re-opening the question regarding the amount of fee chargeable, I shall be glad to learn, in detail, why you commenced a full classification survey and what part of our correspondence led you to assume that this was required in this case.

With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely,

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