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CAPT. W.J. GRAY.

RUSS BLDG.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Received January, 28th 1938.

SAN FRANCISCO, California,

January, 14th 1938.

Messrs. Dracoulis Ltd.,  
101, Leadenhall Street,  
E.C.3. England.

Dear Sirs,

M.S. "NESTOR" ex FRANK LYNCH.

The General Steamship Corporation Ltd., have asked me to write you and give you information regarding the donkey boiler in the above named vessel. This boiler was built by Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., of Newport News, Virginia in 1908 and at that time installed as a donkey boiler on the s.s. "LURLINE" of the Matson Navigation Co., of San Francisco. This vessel is now named "CHIRIKOF", see Lloyd's Register.

During a reconstruction job on the "LURLINE" in San Francisco in 1922 this boiler was moved from the vessel because it was no longer necessary and during the period from 1908 and 1922 this boiler was found to be too small for her requirements and was never used. However, when we bought the boiler in 1922 we had the boiler retubed and then installed in the "FRANK LYNCH". At that time, we communicated with the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., for blueprints and a certificate of material. They looked up their records and furnished this information to us. We turned the blueprints over to the American Bureau of Shipping, and also the certificate of material from the Manufacturers of steel, and do not have this information in our possession at this time.

I would recommend that you write <sup>direct</sup> to Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., at Newport, Va., and give them the above information, when I think they would supply you with the details and information you require regarding this donkey boiler.

Yours very truly,

(signed) W.J. Gray Jr.

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