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17 BATTERY PLACE,

NEW YORK.

October 9th, 1931.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

With reference to the several inquiries which I have received respecting the purchase by the Portland California Steamship Company of certain vessels which were owned by the Submarine Boat Corporation, I may say that I have been endeavoring to have a personal interview with Mr. Stanley Dollar, who is one of the Principals of the Portland California Steamship Company, with a view to having the class of these vessels retained in our Register.

However, just at the moment Mr. Dollar is a very difficult man to reach as he is very busy in connection with the purchase of the U.S. Lines' Vessels. I have therefore been unable to get any definite information as to whether this fleet of vessels will continue in our class. However, two of them, the "SUNUGENTICO" and "SURILCO" came into drydock here recently and the Tailshafts were examined, and the reports thereon are being despatched to your Office to-day.

The Annual Boiler Survey is due in both cases, and I understand that this has been carried out by the American Bureau Surveyors before she came into drydock. We were not given an opportunity of examining the boilers.

In the circumstances I telegraphed Mr. Miller, the Society's Principal Surveyor on the West Coast, and I give you hereunder the telegraphic correspondence which has passed between us:-

Sent: "REFERENCE SUBMARINE VESSELS PURCHASED BY DOLLAR INTERESTS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SEE STANLEY DOLLAR ON RETENTION OF CLASS STOP SUNUGENTICO AND SURILCO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DOCKED HERE AND TAILSHAFTS EXAMINED IN ANTICIPATION THEY COULD REMAIN CLASSED STOP SUGGEST YOU SEE STANLEY SOONEST POSSIBLE REGARDING MATTER POINTING OUT THAT VESSELS ARE INSURED IN LONDON AND UNDERWRITERS HAD INSISTED ON PREVIOUS OCCASION THAT OUR CLASS WHICH HAD BEEN DROPPED BE RESTORED WIRE REPLY"

Rec'd:

"PLEASED TO ADVISE SUNUGENTICO AND SURILCO WILL REMAIN WITH THIS REGISTER STOP CONSIDERABLE ALTERATION WILL BE DONE AT THIS PORT ON THESE VESSELS",

Regarding Mr. Miller's telegram, I may say that I understand that the new Owners are very anxious to get the vessels to the West Coast for the purpose of doing any work or alterations necessary.

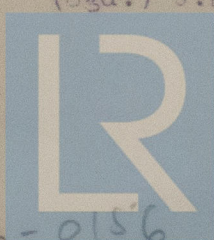
This therefore is the position at the moment, and I hope to have an opportunity of seeing Mr. Dollar when he comes East with a view to having the whole fleet retained with us.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. French.

A. Scott, Esq.,

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