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of Telegram received from Messrs Banaz & Rusko, Lloyd's
s, Dubrovnik, on the 9th. January. 1935.

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RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TRECİ UNDERSTAND OWNERS
NED AFFIDAVIT FROM STEVEDORE MARIO LUSIC THAT BROWN
HIM QUITE PROBABLE SOME RIVETS BROKEN BY STRANDING
ICED BY DIVER ACCOUNT MUDDY WATER WHERE SHIP LAID AT
BT CITY DRAINAGE SYSTEM STOP SEE BROWN ASCERTAIN WHETHER
UCH STATEMENT MADE STOP KINDLY GIVE US YOUR REPLY REGARDS=

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of letter addressed to Marko Rusko, Esq., Dubrovnik,
setting above matter.

9th. January. 1935.

Mr. Rusko,

'S REGISTER

Following our telephone conversation yesterday
rding the "TRECİ" case, I made discreet enquiries and identified
e Lusic whom I did not recognise by name and under the appell-
n of "stevedore". To the best of my knowledge I have met the
but twice- once with the master of the "TRECİ" on the occasion
he survey at Sibenik, and the other time when I was calling on
ic at his office here.

On the first occasion there was no discussion
rding the steamer's alleged grounding, but on the next occasion,
at Lisic's office, I recollect that the question of the loss
he vessel was raised and that some discussion of a general

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nature took place. I am emphatic, however, on the point that nothing I said could have been interpreted as a statement in accordance with that quoted in the telegram sent you from London, and of which you have sent me a copy. Such a statement should be too patently absurd to attribute to me since any doubts as to the seaworthiness of the vessel would have been manifest at the time of the survey, and had there been any question of the water being obscured the diver would have complained when the whole position would have been altered. I purposely refrained from expressing an opinion on the "TRECİ" case, and this has been my attitude throughout which I have even furthered by avoiding discussion of it as far as possible at all times.

Now whatever conversation took place at Lisičić's, it was carried on in English and, unless I am greatly mistaken, Lusić does not speak or understand English, while even if he did, I should mistrust his ability to understand any technicalities. Should this matter be carried further and he persist in alleging such a statement to me, I can only attribute it to a wrong impression or mistranslation on the part of Lisičić.

From the foregoing you will see that I adhere to the declaration I gave you on the telephone, viz., that no such statement was made by me, but if you added that I did not even know the man, as was suggested, you will need to correct that remark now.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A.J. Brown.

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