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LONDON, E.C.3.

2nd January, 1934.

The Salvage Association,
Lloyd's Building,
E.C.3.

Dear Sirs,

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Mention is made in some of the documents which have been produced, of a Mr. Brown, Lloyd's Surveyor at Split, who gave the Certificate of Seaworthiness prior to the vessel sailing from Sibenik. We have never communicated with Mr. Brown, and his name has not been mentioned by Messrs. Banaz & Rusko as a person who is likely to throw any light on the casualty, probably because beyond saying that he gave a Seaworthy Certificate after the diver's examination he knows nothing about the matter.

It occurs to us however, that whilst we are waiting for the further information for which we have asked from the Captain of the "ACHATES", it might be desirable to communicate with Mr. Brown, on the chance of obtaining some assistance from him, both with regard to the alleged grounding at Sibenik, and for the purpose of obtaining any comments he may have to make on the casualty generally.

You may consider, however, that to communicate with Mr. Brown direct would be going behind the backs of Messrs. Banaz & Rusko, and that in any event if Mr. Brown had anything

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to communicate he would have told Messrs. Banaz & Rusko, and they would have informed you. However, we make this suggestion of communicating with Mr. Brown for what it is worth, and you know best whether it would be of any use following it up.

Yours faithfully,

SIGNED. *Illegible*



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