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Dear Mr. Fowling:-

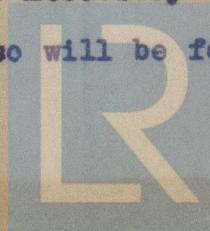
I duly received your letter of the 11th ult. regarding the plans of the National Shipbuilding Co.'s Nos. 7 and 8 building at Orange, Texas.

I have taken up the points mentioned in your letter with the builders' Naval Architect, and he is preparing and will submit for consideration a detail plan of of the deep tank bulkheads and the methods of securing watertightness. I impressed upon him the difficulty he will find in making these compartments watertight and he is going to give the matter very careful attention. Copies of this plan will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

The two thicknesses of diagonal planking on the outside of the frame are fitted at right angles, and I understand from the builders that they have made a trial commencement of this work and find it to be very satisfactory.

The longitudinal material below the lower deck beam ends will be increased as suggested by you by the addition of two 12 x 12 shelves, and a revised Midship Section is now in course of preparation which will embody this addition.

The builders will submit a detail sketch showing their method of obtaining the necessary strengthening at the break of the poop and this also will be forwarded in due course.



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With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

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