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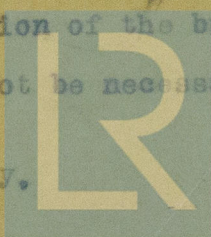
, October 16, 1916.

I duly received your letter of the 10th instant regarding vessels Nos. 6 and 7 which the Northwest Steel Company have to build as duplicates of their Nos. 1-5, and with regard have to state that, provided the scantlings and arrangements on the plans of the sister vessels be adhered to, the Rules in every respect be complied with, and the materials and workmanship be to the Society's satisfaction, the vessels will be eligible for entry under Rule 100A1.

The Steel used in the construction of these vessels must be of a grade approved by the Committee and be tested by the Surveyors in accordance with the Rules.

With regard to the arrangement of Bulkheads, I have to inform that in the circumstances the special survey of the vessels for construction may be proceeded with, but before it is finally entered in the Register Book, it will be necessary for a letter to be received from the Owners of the vessels desiring the omission of the fore and after bulkheads in the fore and after holds and giving a reason for the omission in accordance with the terms of the Committee's Circular 1238. If this be done, a suitable notation will be made in the Register Book with respect to the omission of the bulkheads.

I might add that it will not be necessary to submit fresh plans for these vessels.  
Yours truly,  
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