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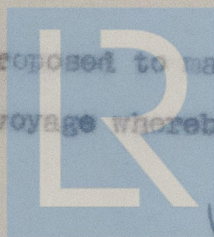
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I beg to confirm my telegram today as follows,
"HAWSE pipes condemned because anchors jam
in them and cannot be used letter follows giving
details".

With reference to this matter the Surveyors who
examined the vessel in London state that they consider both
pipes should be renewed. The existing pipes are
so defective in that it is not practicable by ordinary means
to draw the anchors into them. Immediately an anchor enters
the pipe it jams with nearly the whole of it projecting
outside; and when in this position it can neither
be drawn out or in, but remains jammed in the pipe.

The new pipes should be of larger diameter or they
should have an enlarged outer end; and they should have more
flexibility. The existing pipes make an angle of only about
15° with the waterline.

I understand it is proposed to make some efficient
temporary arrangement for the voyage whereby it will be



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able to secure the anchors and drop them without fail
required.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

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