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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

305½ Avalon Blvd.

Wilmington, Calif.

September 17, 1940.

The Principal Surveyor,
NEW YORK.

Dear Sir:

S.S. "LA BREA"

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant relative to the above vessel, also to my letter of the 3rd instant, and in reply wish to state that Mr. Alderson did carry out the survey for the British Ministry on my behalf on account of my absence from this Port in connection with Chain Cables for Beal & Co. Mr. Alderson was quite familiar with all the correspondence and facts of this case and informed me on my return that he took this matter up with the Union Oil Company, Owners of the vessel at that time, about this additional drilling and they informed him that it was agreed to purchase the vessel as-is and where-is. The plates in question were specially examined superficially by all parties concerned who agreed that these plates were good for at least one or two years, also as the survey was not really due until July 1940, and taking advantage of the year of grace the Owners did not think it was necessary to drill them at this time, especially when the vessel was urgently required. Under these conditions the vessel was passed.

Regret that this difficulty has arisen but in the circumstances cannot see how it could be avoided. Hope this will clarify matters.

Yours very truly,

(signed) F.G.ARCHBOLD

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