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71, Fenchurch Street,
London, E.C.3.

For the attention of Mr. Cook.

Dear Sir,

s.s. "DARFIELD".

We confirm our conversation of this morning, when we visited you in connection with the recent casualty to the s.s. "DARFIELD", which as you are aware, has been seriously damaged as a result of grounding off San Pedro, California. Subsequent to our conversation, we have again discussed this matter with the Managers of the vessel, Messrs. Nomikos (London) Ltd., for whom we act as technical advisers. They have instructed us to communicate with you again and have requested that you will cable your New York Office in order to ascertain that they are in full agreement with all parties concerning the repairs to be carried out to enable the vessel to proceed to the United Kingdom in tow, either in ballast or loaded condition.

Should you concur we shall be obliged if a cable may be sent on the following lines:-

"LONDON MANAGERS BRITISH SHIP DARFIELD REQUEST UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THEIR
"REPRESENTATIVE PILLATT WITH YOUR COMPETENT SURVEYOR AND UNITED STATES
"COASTGUARD AUTHORITY FULL EXTENT REPAIRS REQUIRED ENABLE VESSEL PROCEED
"UNITED KINGDOM IN TOW EITHER BALLAST OR LOADED"

As we informed you this morning, information we have received indicates that the vessel is heavily damaged and that almost the entire outer bottom would have to be renewed, the tank tops removed and refitted, the stern frame renewed and shafting misalignment rectified. Should the vessel tow, there is no question of having main steam and the rudder will be inoperative.

We shall appreciate very much your assistance in this matter and will be obliged if we may receive in due course a copy of your cable to New York.

Yours faithfully,

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