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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

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The Secretary

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Dear Sir:

"GULFWAX"

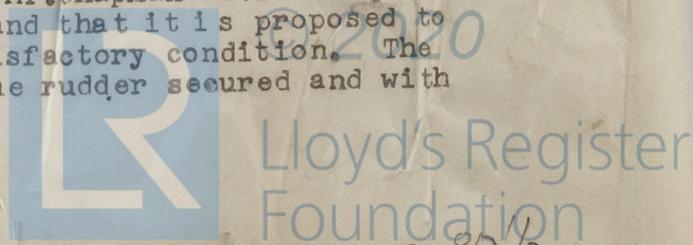
The contents of your undernoted cable of the 9th regarding the above named vessel were conveyed to the Society's Surveyor at Mobile:

"GULFWAX REURCAB CLASS EXPUNGED 12th MARCH WITH NOTATION TO BE BROKEN UP THEREFORE NO SURVEY OR CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THIS SOCIETY"

Mr. Chapman now advises that he has passed on this cable message to the Owners, a subsidiary company of the Alabama Dry Docks headed by Mr. J.M. Griser, a member of the American Committee.

The new Owners were unaware that the class had already been expunged, as indeed, your cablegram of the 9th to this office was our first intimation that this action had been taken. They were therefore under the impression that the vessel was still in good standing and that on completion of a satisfactory General Examination on drydock, there would be no objection to the vessel undertaking the proposed voyage. The Owners have also pointed out that this case appears to them to be similar to the arrangements which were made for the steamers "ARKANSAS" and "MASSACHUSETTS" about a year ago.

We now understand that the proposal to tow the vessel to Japan has been abandoned. However, it is likely that the ship may be towed to a Continental port and in the circumstances they have asked for a reconsideration of the case to enable the vessel to proceed under tow. Mr. Chapman advises that she is no longer under the U.S.A. flag and that it is proposed to drydock her and place her in satisfactory condition. The propeller would be removed and the rudder secured and with a riding crew on board.



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In view of the foregoing, perhaps you will be good enough to submit the case to the Committee for their reconsideration.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the American Committee

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