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8th December, 1959.

(S) Dear Sirs,

Steamer "FULHAM II"

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th November, the contents of which have been noted, and it is considered that the incident should have been described in your Rpt. 9.

It is noted that the letter of the 17th July, 1958, attributed the occurrence to (a) the handhole door not being correctly fitted, and (b) the door not being followed up on raising steam, whereas the Ministry's Engineer Surveyor in Chief states it was because of the excessive clearance between the spigot of the handhole door and the aperture into which it fitted.

It is also noted that Mr. Guy's statement of the 18th July says no repairs were carried out on the mudholes or doors at his survey on the 8th May, while the report dated the 2nd June, 1958, states that the handhole doors were renewed presumably as a result of an explosion. This would appear to indicate that there was, in fact, excessive clearance between the spigots and apertures and your comments on this are desired.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,  
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