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Dear Mr. Turner,

*built 1942-1
S.S. S. 14*

Steamer "EAGLESDALE"

I am very sorry to worry you so soon after our last series of letters and I do hope that you won't think that I get any pleasure out of the queries that I am raising but I would like your views on the following before the time comes for us to submit our report on the case.

I am referring to a letter (Classn.S., 7.5.58.) about the shell drillings of the above named tanker and I agree with the remarks about the thickness of the plate in "C" strake in way of No. 1 cargo tank being adequate until the next Special Survey, which will presumably become due about 1962.

The letter says that the Special Survey notation could be assigned now and I interpret this as meaning we can recommend the record of S.S. 6-58 if the plate in question is not renewed at the current Special Survey. If the Committee accept this recommendation, the notation will be recorded in the Supplement to the Register Book and 999 persons out of 1000 who look at the book will be misled and assume that the ship is up-to-date so far as the Special Survey is concerned.

However, being a tanker, the Rules require that the shell and deck plating shall be drilled at the first Special Survey after the ship is 12 years old and, although it is not specifically stated in the Rules, the Society's normal procedure envisages a further eight years' service without drilling in the case of tankers and that everything necessary to maintain the required standard of strength under normal conditions during those eight years shall be dealt with at the Special Survey at which the Dr. notation is assigned.

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In point of fact the ship will not have complied with this requirement and I feel that our recommendation should either be "S.S.(Dr) 6-58 when the deck plate in "C" strake has been renewed" or alternatively "S.S. (Dr) 6-58, subject to the deck plate in "C" strake being renewed at the next Special Survey due 6-62". I doubt whether the Committee would accept the second alternative without question but I do feel that the first alternative leaves no loophole for doubt or misinterpretation.

The procedure suggested in the letter to which I refer, if I have interpreted it correctly, is contrary to the spirit of the Rules, is likely to be misleading and more or less permits a ship to maintain its classification on the terms laid down by an Admiralty Overseer.

We have not seen the Admiralty Overseer since we received your letter and the situation I have dealt with may not arise, but I would like to have your views on the question which I have raised as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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