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5th December, 1934.

Dear Webster,

I notice from your letter of the 3rd instant regarding Messrs. Hawthorn Leslie's 596 that they question the provisional freeboard assigned but this information does not help us unless you forward a copy of the figures on which they base their statement. They are being informed officially that the freeboards given in the preliminary assignment are the minimum permitted by the regulations.

The summer freeboard can be reduced  $\frac{3}{4}$ " if either of the following alterations are made:-

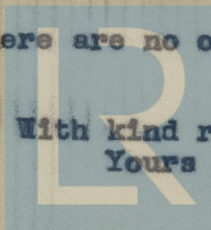
1. Increasing length of forecastle by two frame spaces.
2. Increasing length of forecastle by one frame space and increasing the sheer forward to 70", the sheer curve being parabolic.
3. No increase in length of forecastle but sheer at fore end increased to 80", the sheer curve being parabolic.

You will observe from the copy of the official letter which has been forwarded to you that in all computations it has been assumed that there are no openings in the bridge ~~front~~ trunk bulkhead.

With kind regards,  
Yours faithfully,

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