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30th March, 1950.

The Secretary,  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
71 Fenchurch Street,  
LONDON, E.C.3.

Dear Sir,

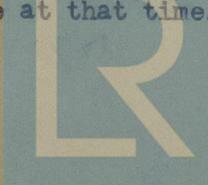
This will acknowledge receipt of your cables re "ESSO BIRMINGHAM" and confirm the following replies:-

"REURCABLE ESSO BIRMINGHAM WRITER ISSUED NO RECOMMENDATIONS ARUBA SURVEYOR INSTRUCTED BY NEWYORK OFFICE ATTEND VESSEL HERE STOP SHELL PLATING FRACTURED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY INCHES ABAFT FORWARD BULKHEAD NUMBER SEVEN STARBOARD CARGO TANK STOP FRACTURE EXTENDS DOWNWARDS FROM LOWER RIVETED SHELL STRAP FOR APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN FEET TO BULKHEAD DEEP FRAME THROUGH STRAKE ABOVE BILGE BILGE STRAKE AND STRAKE BELOW STOP UNABLE EFFECT REPAIRS THIS PORT APART FROM DRILLING HOLE AT LOWER END OF CRACK RECOMMENDED VESSEL LOAD AND PROCEED USA PORT FOR REPAIRS."

"ESSO BIRMINGHAM SEAWORTHY CERTIFICATE ISSUED."

The undersigned at the request of the local agents of the above vessel proceeded to Caripito on the morning of 22nd March 1950 to examine reported damage to that vessel. On arrival at Caripito I was informed that the vessel had sailed during the night for Trinidad to undergo survey and repair. I returned to Port-of-Spain the same evening when the agent informed me that he had received a cable to the effect that a Surveyor and Company Engineer were arriving the following day from Aruba to examine the "ESSO BIRMINGHAM".

On Thursday morning I boarded the vessel and examined the damage which consisted of a fracture approximately 16 ft. long in Shell Plating in No. 7 starboard cargo tank. In view of the expected arrival of the gentlemen from Aruba no recommendations were made at that time.



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**AIR LETTER**  
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BY ORDINARY MAIL.

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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
71, Fenchurch Street,  
London, E.C.3.  
ENGLAND.

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Sender's name and address:

Mr. Robertson, the Company Supt. Engineer and Mr. Holness the Surveyor  
Lloyd's Register at Aruba arrived here on Thursday afternoon when the gentlemen inf  
me that he had been instructed by New York office to proceed to Trinidad to examin  
and report on the damage to the "ESSO BIRMINGHAM". I again proceeded on board the  
vessel in company with the above gentlemen and examined the damage and concurred wi  
recommendations of Mr. Holness. It was understood that as he had been instructed fr  
New York office ~~that~~ he would issue the necessary Certificates and report on the da

Whilst I had no objections whatsoever to any other Surveyor coming into  
territory, I feel that I should have been informed that Mr. Holness was coming here  
examine the "ESSO BIRMINGHAM". I shall be glad to know in the event of the same thi  
occurring again what procedure I should adopt, and if a joint survey should be held on  
any vessel concerned.

Yours faithfully,

*J.C. Cubitt*

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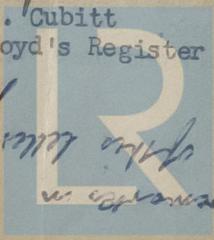
Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Referred to Mr. Perris.

*R.P.*

*Mr Perris*

*Mr Holness letter  
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