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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

AIR MAIL

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Enclosure

Dear Sir,

With reference to my cable today regarding the T/2 Tanker "ESSO BIRMINGHAM", the Owners' London Office telephoned last week to say that they were very concerned with the recommendations made in this case by the Trinidad Surveyor.

A cable was sent to Mr. Cubitt to this effect with the request that he should cable details of the damage.

A copy of his reply is enclosed from which you will see that the Surveyor, apparently Mr. Holness, recommended the ship could load a cargo in the condition reported without effecting any repairs.

It is considered here this recommendation was entirely unsatisfactory, and that in any future similar case of damage of this serious nature the Surveyor sent to join the local Surveyor should be an experienced Ship Surveyor.

It subsequently transpired that the Owners finally decided to allow the ship to proceed in ballast to Galveston, and my cabled instructions today detail the Committee's wishes for adequate attention on arrival.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee

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