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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,
NEW YORK.

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Dear Sir,

"CHUNG HSING" ex "FAIRFAX".
"WEI MING" ex "AGWIDALE".
"CHONG HSING" ex "AGWISTAR".

We recently received a request from the American Minerals & Transport Corporation of this City, representing Messrs. Chung Hsing Steamship Company of Shanghai, new Owners of the above named vessels, to make preliminary survey of the vessels with a view to determining the suitability for classification with the Society.

As such a request is somewhat unusual I think it well to explain that the Owners have recently acquired several U.S. Flag vessels, all of which were either already classed with the Society or were surveyed with a view to classification prior to departure for China. (e.g. "Philip T. Dodge", "Coventry", "Corozal", "Montoso" and "Ponce".)

In the case of the "CHUNG HSING", "WEI MING" and "CHONG HSING", all of which are presently classed with the American Bureau of Shipping, time did not permit of a sufficient examination being held to warrant even a "Class Contemplated" notation, but the local representatives wished to be in a position to advise the Owners that the vessels were such as could be accepted by this Society. It is anticipated that requests for classification or reclassification will be received after the vessels' arrival on the China Coast.

I enclose herewith a copy of the report which has been issued in each case.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd). WM. BENNETT.

Principal Surveyor
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The Secretary,
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