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Messrs. ~~STARS~~
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Dear Mr. Thirlaway,

I refer to your letter of the 10th instant which I regret has not received an earlier reply.

The "PANAGHIA T" is still in port, anchored at the Reef, as a matter of fact in the mud, this has prevented an examination of the bottom.

This has been an involved and complicated business. The ship was refloated on 5th September with the help of the salvage tug "CYCLOOP" who towed her here. The Owners sent out Mr. Virgil G. Hall, their surveyor, who cooperated with my surveyor Mr. Mello. When ship arrived here Salvage Association sent their special surveyor Mr. A. Noel Thompson from Jacksonville, Fla., U.S., who works with their New York office.

Mr. Thompson was most capable surveyor, who, very thoroughly, examined every small detail, and returned by air, via London, on the 1st. October last. His reports are being examined in London. Salvage Association last letter of 3rd instant said:

"This matter is engaging active attention here and we will let you have any such further instructions as are necessary in due course."

The Master and ship's crew have left. The 2nd Mate, with two assistants, is here in charge of the ship. He takes soundings regularly and there has been no increase. The tug's Salvage Master is also here.

Messrs. Wilson have no news.

Possibly the Salvage Association will be able to give some details. If you want further details from me, please write.

Yours faithfully,

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