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31st. MARCH, 1965.

THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR,
LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,
G.P.O. Box 2129,
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DEAR SIR,

M.S. "APANUI".

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF 17TH. MARCH AND REGRET TO ADVISE THAT YOUR LETTER OF 19TH. JANUARY HAS NOT REACHED US.

THE POSITION OF THE ABOVE VESSEL HAS NOT CHANGED IN ANY RESPECT SINCE JANUARY, 1964. SHE IS MOORED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF AVATIU WHARF, RAROTONGA, AND TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THE OWNERS HAVE NOT MADE ANY ARRANGEMENTS TO MOVE, SAIL OR DISPOSE OF HER TO THIS DATE.

THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE VESSEL HAS DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY AS NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CARRY OUT EVEN SIMPLE MAINTENANCE, AND TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THE ENGINES HAVE ONLY BEEN RUN ONCE, AND THAT WAS MANY MONTHS AGO, WHICH WAS AFTER A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO MOVE THE VESSEL TO ANOTHER AREA OF THE HARBOUR. THE ATTEMPT WAS OF SHORT DURATION AS THE VESSEL IS STILL IN THE SAME POSITION.

WE DO KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS VESSEL REMAINING IN THE HARBOUR AND WOULD DO ANYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO HAVE IT REMOVED, BUT AS THE OWNER, MR. D.C. BROWN, IS AT PRESENT LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND THE GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR SELF GOVERNMENT TAKE PLACE ON THE 21ST. APRIL, WE DOUBT IF ANY DRASTIC ACTION BY THEM WILL BE BROUGHT TO BEAR UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.

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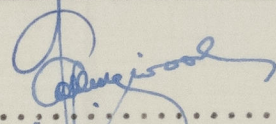
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WE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY ON ANY CHANGE OR ACTION TAKEN IN
CONNECTION WITH THIS VESSEL.

FOR

YOURS FAITHFULLY,
A.B. DONALD (C.I.) LIMITED.



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