

UNITED ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY  
BAKSH CHAMBERS

Your Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

NICOL ROAD,  
P. O. BOX 4364  
KARACHI-2

Our Ref. MS-PS/12883

Date 9th November, '66

The Surveyors,  
Lloyds Register of Shipping,  
Safe Deposit Chambers,  
McLeod Road,  
Karachi.

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Dear Sirs,

Re: m.v. Phoencian Star.

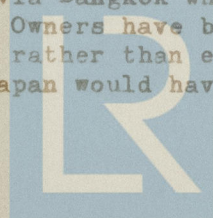
We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following certificates:

1. Certificate for general examination for postponement of special survey.
2. Certificate of survey of continuous survey of machinery.

Here we may mention that the Owners were expecting a permission from your goodselves to allow the vessel to proceed to Japan (the port where special survey had to be completed) with cargo from Calcutta or Bangkok as the owners had spent huge amount of money in way of preparation for conducting general examination of the vessel with its temporary repairs. We, however, note that the vessel has been issued with a Load Line Certificate valid upto arrival of vessel at Chittagong and that the Committee has recommended to complete special survey in Chittagong or at a nearby port. This refers to your letter dated 6th October, '66.

In view of your said instructions we may inform you that the facilities to conduct special survey, either above or under-water do not exist in Chittagong and, therefore, it is not feasible for us to comply with the said instructions at that port. Regarding Calcutta which can be termed as a nearby port, we may bring to your kind notice that, we are ~~are~~ Authorised Representatives of the Owners and can not send our Superintendent-Representative to India to supervise special survey repairs as your goodselves are aware of the fact that relations between India and Pakistan have not yet been normalised.

In view of the said restrictions and conditions prevailing, we now propose to take the vessel to Hongkong via Bangkok where we shall load cargo for Hongkong. We may emphasise that the Owners have better arrangements to repair the ship of this age in Hongkong rather than else-where. We are avoiding Japan because of your advice although Japan would have been more suitable and convenient for us.



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We are confident that your goodselves will allow the ship to sail to Hongkong via Bangkok to complete her special survey there.

Thanking and awaiting from you,

Yours faithfully,  
for United Oriental Steamship Company,

(Sabir Yar Khan),  
Operation Manager.



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