

IT IS SUBMITTED before this case can receive consideration Mr. Caldwell, who is at present in this country, be requested to furnish the following information:-

- (1) Has the upper deck stringer plate been doubled, as amended on the approved plan in view of the increased width of the hatchways? *Done ✓*
- (2) Has the centre line bulkhead in the forward ballast tanks been stiffened as amended on the approved plan? *Done ✓*
- (3) Have the hatch beams and covers in No. 1 lower hatchway been modified, as indicated on the approved plan, or if this has not been done, have the Owners given their consent to the notation "Light Cargo only in No. 1 Hold" being made in the Register Book? (See Secretary's letter 29.8.49). *{ in pro-gram }*
- (4) As the plan of pillars and girders required for consideration and approval has not yet been received in this Office, he should state whether this matter is receiving attention. *{ will be submitted shortly }*
- (5) It is concluded the solid floors in the double bottom are 6' apart as shown on the plan and not 8' apart as reported but this should be confirmed. *{ yes }*
- (6) What alternative means of steering have been provided? *See [unclear] Has been provided*
- (7) What arrangements for the fitting of ceiling under the hatchways are being made? *{ Filled under hatchway }*
- (8) What is the thickness of the inner bottom plating? *{ Stated 3/8" ✓ }*

He should be requested to confirm that in all other respects the requirements of the Special Survey for Classification have been complied with.



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21.10.49. *[Signature]*