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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close, Wiltshire Road,  
Wokingham, Berks.

20th September, 1940.

Dear Sirs,

S. I duly received your letter of the 13th instant respecting the steamers "ECEABAT" and "ERDEK", and have to say that your remarks have been carefully noted.

As regards the entry of these vessels in the Register Book, it is not considered politic at the present time to enter the British Government as Owners, and it is accordingly suggested either that they should be entered with Ownership and Port of Registry blank but with British Flag, or that they should not be entered at all until notification is received from Lloyd's Agent at Istanbul, that they have been duly delivered and registered as Turkish vessels. A decision on this point should be obtained from the Builders and forwarded here in due course.

In the meantime your Report No. 98787 on the "ERDEK" was submitted to the Classing Committee today, and the vessel was classed with similar notations to that of the "ECEABAT".

Certificates will follow on the receipt of your reply.

I am, Dear Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne.



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