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Extract from Letter received 22.12.44. from J. W. WHITTALL & CO. LTD., LLOYD'S AGENTS, ISTANBUL, dated 11.12.44. Original sent London Stationery Department.

"ADANA", "AYDIN" & "MARAS". Since writing you on 16th ultimo we duly received on 22nd ultimo your Airgraph of 2nd ultimo and we were very gratified to receive the expression of the Committee's appreciation of the attention we have given to this question. In the meantime we have today received the repetition of your telegram of 5th instant (the first copy received on 8th instant was mutilated as to be unintelligible which reads as follows:-

"Committee have given careful consideration your letters third tenth sixteenth ultimo and in all circumstances they have now given instructions for vessels classes to be withdrawn at owners request writing".

(Even the repetition came through substantially mutilated but we trust we have been able to extract the correct text as above quoted).

We shall now communicate this message to the Denizyollari Administration, but we propose to delay for a day or two until we receive the promised official communication from the Denizyollar to the effect that they do not intend to keep the vessels in class.

Incidentally we have already given them a verbal message to the above effect as mentioned in our letter of the 16th ultimo.

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any event to see the vessels lose their classes. We have therefore