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ENCLOSURE

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Dear Mr. Van der Weel,

I have been asked to refer you to the case of the motor coaster "DEMOCRAAT" owned by J. Dekker which was given a provisional coasting class in the spring following a special Survey held at Harlingen by the Groningen Surveyor in February 1946.

As a matter of fact the hull survey was completed but full class was withheld pending amendments to the pumping arrangements principally involving the supply of a second independent power pump and a second auxiliary air compressor.

In a letter dated 21st ultimo, Mr. Wehrmeijer duly reported that, owing to these requirements, the Owner had decided to class the vessel with the Bureau Veritas. This, frankly, is not understood as the Bureau Veritas Rules so far as they are known here require two bilge pumps for a vessel of the "DEMOCRAAT" type although they only want one compressor which must, however, be driven by the main engines and also adapted for hand use.

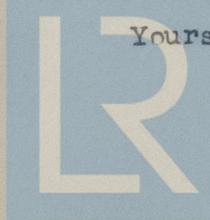
In dealing with the case the Committee asked for the requirements of the various Classification Societies to be investigated on this point, and I think I cannot do better than enclose herewith a copy of the statement which was afterwards shown to them.

In view of the Owner's statement, however, they had no option but to withdraw the class and insert three dots, and I shall be glad if you will inform the Owner accordingly. At the same time they suggest you endeavour to ascertain diplomatically whether the B.V. accepted the ship with only one bilge pump and, if so, whether there has been any modification in their Rules on this point.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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