

Enclosures.

1st April, 1949.

BY AIRMAIL.

Dear Sir,

S.S. "TEMARA".

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo regarding this ship and may say that the case was already prepared for submission to the Committee with the suggestion that the Owners either in this City or in New York, be approached on the subject of her condition as found at Lagos.

As desired by you, I forward herewith a photographic copy of the Lagos Surveyor's Report and would remark that in view of the rapid deterioration that seems to have taken place since the reclassification survey was completed in 1947, the Committee feel that the vessel should be submitted to a thorough survey, including the drilling of the plating, at the earliest opportunity.

I shall therefore be obliged if you will convey this recommendation to the Owners and let me know their view in the matter in order that the case may again be submitted to the Committee with a definite proposal as to what is intended.

In order that you may be in possession of the full facts, I also enclose a copy of the report of the reclassification survey held at Algiers in 1946/47. It will be noted therefrom that the shell plating was drilled at that time and that the thicknesses indicated a gradual diminution of approximately 25% below the original scantlings. They were therefore not such as could be recommended for a Drilling Survey notation, but the class was reinstated and a note inserted in the Special Reasons List that the plating should be drilled when the vessel was thirty years old. In view of later developments, this, of course, will have to be altered.

Yours faithfully,

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Clerk to the
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