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Enclosures.

7th January, 1935.

Venezuelan Gulf Oil Tankers "ACOSTA", "APURE", "ARAGUA",
"BOLIVAR", "CARONI", "CATATUMBO", "MONAGAS", "PAEZ", "PARAGUANA",
"PERIJA", "SUCRE", "TOAS", "URDANETA" and "ZAPARA".

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th ultimo regarding the assignment of Convention freeboards to the above Venezeulan Gulf Oil Tankers, I have to acquaint you that the matter has been looked into and in the special circumstances it has been agreed to expedite the assignments for these vessels and adopt the procedure suggested by you.

In addition to the assignment for the "URDANETA" particulars of which were forwarded to you with my letter of the 31st ultimo, freeboards have already been assigned in respect of the steamers "BOLIVAR", "CARONI" and "CATATUMBO" and assignment letters in these cases were forwarded to the Curacao Surveyors, together with the respective certificates for issue when the surveys have been completed.

It would appear that the vessels form four different types, viz:-

- A. "CARONI", "APURE" and "CATATUMBO"
- B. "BOLIVAR", "ACOSTA", "ARAGUA", "MONAGAS", "PAEZ", "PERIJA", "SUCRE and "URDANETA"
- C. ZAPARA" and "TOAS"
- D. "PARAGUANA"

I accordingly enclose photostat copies, in duplicate, of the Rpts. C.11 and assignment letters for the

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"CARONI" and "BOLIVAR" and also copies in duplicate of the computations of provisional freeboards which have been made in respect of the "ZAPARA" and "PARAGUANA" for the guidance of the Surveyors in dealing with the outstanding ships.

The relative freeboard certificates for these cases are also sent, but before being issued you should satisfy yourself that the respective conditions of assignment for reasonable compliance with the Convention are fulfilled. The date of issue should be inserted in the appropriate spaces on the certificates and as regards the "SUCRE", "TOAS" and "ZAPARA" the dates of expiration will also require to be entered, it being observed that a Special Survey is overdue in each instance. Please advise in due course of all dates inserted. In this connexion I have to point out that the date of expiry should be five years from the recorded date of the last Special Survey (when the major portion of such survey was held). It is desirable, however, that as far as possible the expiration date should cover the year of grace but the period of validity should in no case exceed five years from the date of issue.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

James French, Esq.,

Secretary.

NEW YORK.

P.S. The usual reports should be forwarded in each case.



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