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COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM:

The Surveyors, BUENOS AIRES.

Dated 27th June    Received 2nd July    Vessels "SAN ANTONIO" "SAN JULIAN"

Ans'd 14/7  
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In my letter of the 4th. May 1949 under heading Motorship "SAN ANTONIO", (also see your letter Classn.(S) 21-3-51, "San Antonio" Report S°22704) attention was drawn to the invariable policy of the Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales (Argentine Government-Ministry of Industry & Commerce) to build to the Society's Classification to ensure good workmanship, materials and approval of plans etc., but not to retain classification, and it was hoped that the decision to retain the class of the "M/T SAN ANTONIO" was perhaps a change of policy.

We now have pleasure in enclosing herewith a free translation of an official communication received from the Owners (Y.P.F.) intimating that it is their desire to maintain the classification of the four (4) tankers mentioned as built or building at Cammell Laird & Co. also to reclass the T2 type tanker "SAN JULIAN" ex "Alpha Limpopo" (B.S. Class withdrawn 4,49).

We are following up this matter with the Owners and clearly informing them of the Periodical Survey requirements, also that in the case of the "San Julian" the vessel would require to be submitted to the full periodical Special Survey requirements (C) for Hull, main and auxiliary engines, boilers, electrical equipment and screw shaft to be examined.

From preliminary discussions it is the Owners intention to defer the Survey of the "San Julian" until a convenient period when she is laid off for periodical docking and overhaul.

It would be of advantage to have on file at this office for record purposes photostat copies of a complete set of first entry reports for a T2 type tanker.

At the present moment the undersigned has been requested by the Chief Supt. National Bulk Oil Carriers whom I knew well in the States to act on their behalf for preliminary arrangements in connection with the S.S. "Whittier Mills" (Classed A.B.) being towed to this port with a broken propeller shaft.



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