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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,
NEW YORK.VIA AIR MAIL.

April 21st, 1947.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Shepheard's radiogram of the 8th instant reading as follows:-

"HUMPHREYS BRITISH TANKERS ADVISES GILLESPIE AND DUNBAR MANAGER AND SUPERINTENDENT HIS COMPANY NOW IN STATES NEGOTIATING PURCHASE FOUR ALABAMA T2 TANKERS STOP HAVE SUGGESTED CALLING ON YOU WITH A VIEW GENERAL EXAMINATION AFLOAT FOR CLASSIFICATION CONTEMPLATED AND ISSUE OF PROVISIONAL FREEBOARD CERTIFICATE STOP SENDING PARTICULARS STOP REQUEST YOU BE GUIDED BY PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND HISTORY EACH SHIP STOP HAVE INFORMED HUMPHREYS STRAPPING AND STRESS RELIEVING NOT ESSENTIAL FOR FULL CLASS STOP FORWARD SIX COPIES FINAL REPORT US BOARD ON WELDED SHIPS"

and confirm my cabled reply to him of the 21st instant reading:-

"REURCABLE APRIL EIGHTH DUNBAR BRITISH TANKERS CALLED HERE TODAY AND HAS MADE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH VIEW GENERAL EXAMINATION AND CLASS CONTEMPLATED ON FOUR T2 TANKERS STOP ROGUE RIVER FIRST TANKER PROBABLY DRYDOCKING PORTLAND OREGON MAY THIRD"

The first four T2 tankers definitely assigned to this Company are the "ROGUE RIVER", "COTTONWOOD CREEK", "RED BANK" and "FORT STEVENS", for which I enclose signed Survey Request forms herewith.

The first mentioned vessel will be drydocked probably at Portland, Oregon, on the 3rd proximo, and the other three will be drydocking shortly thereafter at an East Coast port or ports.

It is the Owners' intention to commence the classification surveys here and to complete the full survey in the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd). WM. BENNETT.

Principal Surveyor
U.S.A. & Canada.The Secretary,
LONDON.

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