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Marine Barracks,
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Bremerhaven.

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2nd September, 1949.

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Dear Sir,

S.S. "MARKAB"

I attended this vessel on Thursday, 1st September, in connection with construction alterations, the Owners intending to convert her to oil fuel.

The work is being placed with the A.G. Weser, Bremen, who are preparing drawings, which will be taken across to London by the Owners' representative Mr. Euthatiou, who will call on you regarding this work, and other construction alterations.

The conversion of this ship to oil fuel plus the alterations to bulkheads is to be completed by the end of October.

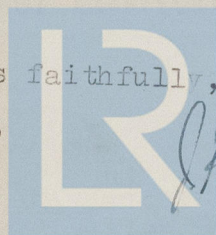
I believe, the Owners desire to also convert the sister ship in the same manner.

A preliminary discussion regarding these alterations took place yesterday. My chief concern about this vessel is, that the Owners representative stated that the vessel had been ashore on her last voyage on the Goodwin Sands, but was easily refloated. It is not the intention of the Owners to dry dock this vessel for bottom examination at this time, but I should like your views on this matter when it comes to testing the double bottom tanks on conversion to oil fuel.

The grounding is for your information, but as from what I can gather, the matter has not been taken up with the Underwriters.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
London E.C.3.

Yours faithfully,



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being specially examined at the next dry docking

Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor

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Also for Mr. Perris to note.



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