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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3
21st June, 1954.

Dear Sirs,

Steamer "EMPIRE VICEROY"

I have your cablegram of the 18th instant and in confirmation of my reply today as follows:-

"EMPIRE VICEROY REURCAB 18TH CERTIFICATE SHOULD STATE CONDITION OF BOTTOM AND SHELL BUT SHOULD ALSO RECORD THAT SHIP APPEARS IN REGISTER BOOK AS LAID UP PENDING MACHINERY REPAIRS AND SURVEYS OVERDUE AND THEREFORE HAS NO VALID CLASS"

I would inform you that your Certificate should state the condition of the bottom and shell as found by you after examination, but should also contain a reference to the fact that the vessel is described in the Register Book as "Laid up pending machinery repairs and overdue Surveys", thus having no valid class.

The case was raised by the Owners last week when they requested that you should be authorised to act as their Superintendents in addition to your normal classification duties, but as it was understood the vessel was being sold, it was not considered desirable for you to undertake these duties. The Owners were informed accordingly, and were told that with the Purchasers' consent you could be authorised to give technical assistance to either party, but they did not decide to avail themselves of this offer.

In view of the unusual circumstances of the case, it is felt that any certificate issued by you should bear a definite statement that the ship has no valid class.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Clerk to
the Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,
KOBE.