

14th February, 1964.

Dear Mr. Roberts,

"GEORGE F. GETTY"  
"MINNEHOMA"  
"TIDEWATER"

Thank you for your letter of January 27th about the transfer of class of the above ships.

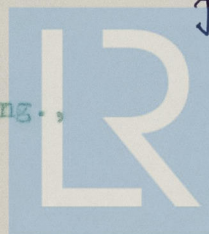
I talked to Captain Holden, Paul Getty's manager, and he said that there was an economy campaign on at present and that what he considered in his mind to be trivial savings were being made. There was no intention whatever, though, to transfer the fleet en bloc to American Bureau, and the three ships in question were transferred merely because they were in the Japanese and U.S.A. service. I expect the American Bureau people have been pressing Hemisphere Transportation Company strongly.

Captain Holden further said that he was quite sure that Mr. Paul Getty had a high regard for Lloyd's Register and that he would bring this transfer of class to his notice. I do not suppose, however, that Mr. Getty will over-rule the Hemisphere Transportation Corporation, which I am surprised to see operates from Wilmington, Delaware and not from Los Angeles. I thought that Sam Harrison and George Wendelberg were the important people in Hemisphere, but that cannot be so otherwise I think that they would have retained L.R. class.

Yours sincerely,

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